

Radio links to be used in crime crackdown on London Underground

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Plans for a crackdown on crime in the most dangerous stations on the London Underground system were disclosed yesterday. Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, announced last month that the Government was to provide £15 million during the next three years to combat crime on the Underground, and yesterday a detailed study was published. This will be the basis of the campaign to combat it.

Mr David Mitchell, Minister of State for Transport, said top priority would be a crackdown on robberies along the southern section of the Northern Line between Clapham Junction and Tooting Broadway, plus a drive against violence and theft at Oxford Circus.

Transport Police had about 300 men allocated to policing the Underground. This would rise to 350, although because of shift work, court appearances and other duties, at present only about 50 were normally in the Underground system. Before considering the numbers of police, it was important to make the best possible use of those they already had.

Patient was given 300 'Jaffe juice' injections

By Michael Horswell

Dr Joseph Jaffe, the hypnotherapist accused of serious professional misconduct, agreed yesterday that he has no psychiatric qualifications. He told a General Medical Council disciplinary hearing in London that during a five-year period of treatment he gave 300 injections of "Jaffe juice" to a patient.

Dr Jaffe, aged 60, who has consulting rooms in Manchester, denies four charges of serious professional misconduct. He said he did not know that the barbiturate, Bristol, which he used in his concoction was addictive. But after hearing the evidence of an expert in anaesthetics during the hearing he would no longer use it.

Prison for threats to stores

Anne Marie Carroll, aged 34, a famine relief worker, of Wallasey, Wirral, who was convicted of blackmail at Liverpool Crown Court on November 13, and remanded for psychiatric reports, was jailed for three years yesterday.

Aids scare halts swim sessions

By Craig Seton

Fear of the disease, Aids, has led five schools to cancel swimming lessons for pupils at a leisure centre where the local council has introduced private swimming sessions for homosexuals and lesbians. Lifeguards and pool attendants at the Victoria Leisure Centre in Nottingham are also boycotting the "gays only" swimming sessions on Sunday nights.

Soldier is given life for garrison murder of girl

An Army captain's beautiful teenage daughter was brutally killed by a soldier on guard duty, a court was told yesterday. John Hardie, aged 18, from Lanark in Scotland, was sentenced to life imprisonment at Teesside Crown Court after pleading guilty to the murder of Julie Harrison, aged 16, of Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire, on June 22.

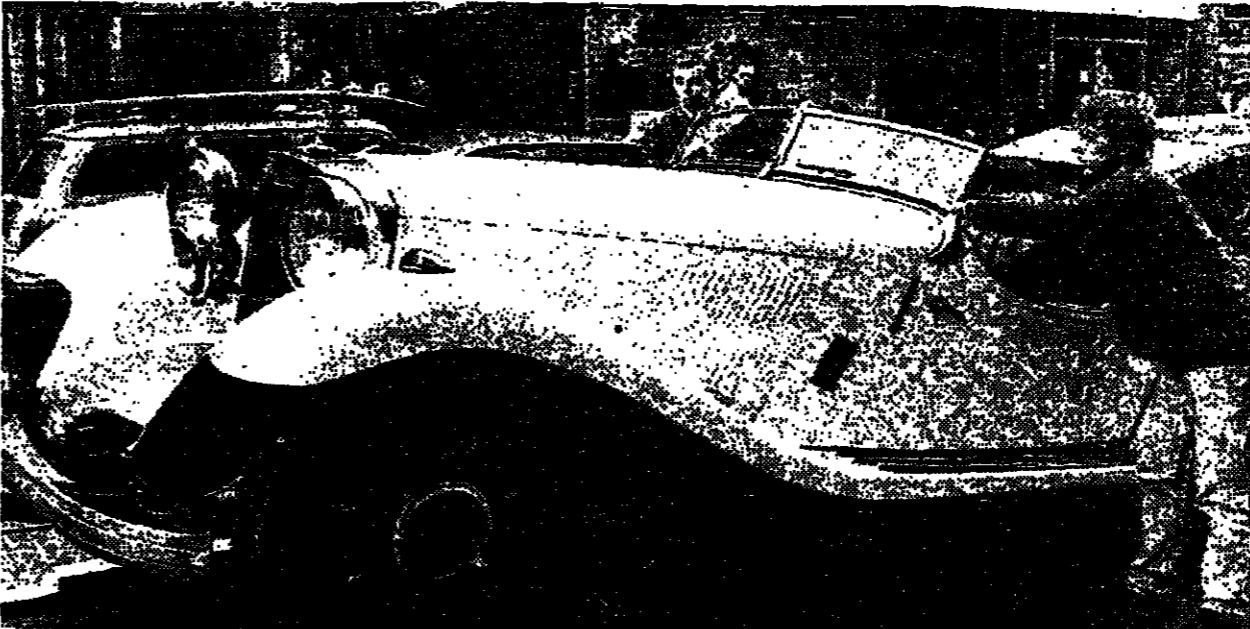
Inquiry on patient's death

By Jill Sherman

A hospital inquiry has been carried out into the death of a teenager who suffered brain damage while he was prepared for a kidney transplant operation. David Aldridge, aged 19, an office clerk, died at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, on November 2. He had been in a coma in the intensive care unit since the operation was carried out on September 13.

Shop 'had no stock of solvent'

A newsgang accused of supplying typewriter correction fluid thinner to a boy who died after a snuffing session yesterday denied that he swapped the teenager's radio for bottles of the solvent. Mr Chandrakant Patel, aged 35, told magistrates at Tower Bridge, south London, that Lee Kendall came into his shop about two weeks before his death and asked if he wanted to buy his radio.



A 1933 Mercedes-Benz 380 Supercharged Roadster outside Christie's showroom in London (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

£60,000 tag on a veteran left in barn

A vintage car which has been standing in a barn near Buckinghamshire since 1957 is expected to be sold for more than £60,000 at an auction next month to mark the centenary of the motor car.

Battersea power station, in exchange for two crisp, white £1,000 notes," he said. Mr Fraser, who has been the only person to drive the car, said that selling it will be like parting with an old friend.

to the gallon. "It will be nice to see it out on the road again," Mr Fraser said. The car is being sold by Christie's at a sale which is being held with the support of Daimler Benz at the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu on December 8.

US interest in BBC scheme

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

At least one large American corporation is understood to be considering sponsoring programmes on the BBC if the Government approves a scheme to allow it. The sponsorship proposal, which is supported by senior BBC management, calls for the corporation to transmit acknowledgements when commercial organizations fund programmes made by independent producers.

have to be controlled rigorously, to prevent the abuses which he said have become common in the United States. In America, critics claim that relaxed guidelines governing sponsorship of the nominally non-commercial Public Broadcasting Service have resulted in a "petroleum broadcasting service" financed by oil companies.

Historic house to stay open

Hammerwood House in East Grinstead, West Sussex, bought, restored and opened to the public three years ago by its present owner, survived a Court of Appeal attempt by local residents to force its closure. The house, grade I listed, is at the centre of a dispute between its owner, Mr David Pinnegar, and residents outside.

Good intentions of car tax offenders

By David Sapsted

A disparate group of offenders, each one part of a £190 million-a-year swindle, made their excuses, were fined and left Highbury Corner Magistrates' Court in north London yesterday, apparently unbothered.

cases of not having a valid tax disc were due to be heard yesterday. In the end, and as usual, only 15 came up, although she maintained she had just bought the car, the magistrates decided, £91.66 in back duty, a £100 fine and costs of £15 would be fair.

ged he should change his plea to not guilty while investigations were made at the Post Office and bank, things got a little confusing but he eventually opted for a £40 fine and £15 costs.

Man who shot gull fined £680

A video tape recording of a BBC television documentary on so-called "Hooray Henries" was used yesterday to convict a man of illegally shooting a seagull during a fishing trip off the north-west coast of the Scottish mainland. John Backland, aged 39, was one of four businessmen whose abortive efforts to catch a record-breaking halibut in the Pentlands Firth were filmed as part of the BBC 2 40 Minutes series.

12 years for raping girl of 11

A man who dragged a girl aged 11 from her tent at a Guides' camp and raped her, was jailed for 12 years, at Stafford Crown Court, yesterday. Mr Justice French told Stuart Tomlinson, aged 24, an unemployed hotel porter, he had considered imposing a life sentence.

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Portfolio Gold - Engineer's 'fantastic' win

A chartered mechanical engineer is to put the £8,000 he won as the sole Portfolio Gold prize winner yesterday to good use. "I will update my gramophone, increase my donation to the church hall and go on holiday next year," Mr Richard Wood, of Allestree, Derby, said.



Danger of additives in beer

Additives used in brewing beer can harm drinkers and in extreme cases, even kill them, the Campaign for Real Ale claimed yesterday. An article in the campaign's newspaper, *What's Brewing*, by Mr Roger Proitz, a former editor of the *Good Beer Guide*, says that people who have asthma and other breathing problems, sinus disorders, skin rashes, or who are allergic to certain cereals, can suffer ill effects from drinking beers in which additives have been employed to produce a foamy head, extra clarity, or to lengthen shelf life.

Spy couple to appeal

The East German couple jailed for 10 years last July for espionage, are seeking reductions in their sentences. On Monday Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, will preside over applications by Reinhard and Sonja Schulz, both aged 36, for leave to appeal against the sentences imposed by Mr Justice Michael Davies at the Central Criminal Court.

WORLD SUMMARY

Syria in tit-for-tat envoy expulsions

Damascus (Reuters) - Syria yesterday ordered three West German diplomats to leave within a week in protest against Bonn's expulsion of five Syrian diplomats.

Fishing solution?

Buenos Aires - Argentina is studying the possibility of applying aspects of the Antarctic Treaty to resolve the fishing conservation dispute with Britain in South Atlantic waters.

Warmer relations

Harare - Mr James Rawlings, aged 57, the new US Ambassador, says that he senses a desire in Zimbabwe to open a new chapter in its hitherto chilly relations with the two countries.

Nato chief may stay

Brussels - General Bernard Rogers may continue as Supreme Allied Commander Europe for a further two-year term until June 1989 (Frederick Bonsart writes).

Ndebele choice

Johannesburg - The election of Mr George Mahlanga, right, aged 35, as the new Chief Minister in KwaNdebele, the impoverished tribal homeland, has raised fears of renewed violence in the territory (Michael Horsby writes).



UK opinion silenced

Moscow - Sir Bryan Cartledge, the British Ambassador in Moscow, last night announced *Levezin* of refusing to print a letter from him detailing the links - never disclosed in the Soviet Union - between Nizar Hindawi, the jailed terrorist and the Syrian Government (Christopher Walker writes).

Treasurer under fire

Canberra (Reuters) - Australia's conservative opposition has demanded the resignation of the Treasurer, Mr Paul Keating, after he admitted having failed to file tax returns since 1984.

Muscles in bikinis

Shenzhen (Reuters) - Cheers and whistles yesterday greeted China's first female body-building contest as scantily-clad girls flexed their muscles to the disco music of Michael Jackson and Tina Turner.

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Basque voters offered 'carrot' to pick Socialist

From Richard Wigg Bilbao He was answered before campaigning ended last night by Senor Jose Ardanza, the outgoing Chief Minister from the Basque Nationalist Party (PNV).

Sunday from a position of strength. The Socialists have therefore gone all-out for the so-called non-nationalist "Spanish vote" - the middle-class vote previously shared by the centre and right.

1987 named as 'Aids Year'

France steps up fight to control disease

From Diana Geddes, Paris France is to set up an Aids Foundation, with responsibility for both research into the disease and care of victims, as part of a new campaign against Aids. The Government has also decided to make 1987 "Aids Year".

Students call Paris rally to beat Bill

From Our Own Correspondent Paris Students and secondary-school pupils throughout the country continued strikes and sporadic demonstrations yesterday as deputies began debating the French Government's hotly contested University Reform Bill.



Reagan criticized over Salt 2 breach

From Moshin Ali, Washington Mr Les Aspin, the Democrat chairman of the House armed services committee, said yesterday that President Reagan's decision to violate Salt 2 limits is a "very bad decision" that would work to the Soviet Union's advantage.

Crisis in the White House

intention to end voluntary compliance. Mr Aspin said the ability of the Soviet Union to take advantage of a world in which those Salt limits no longer exist far exceeds that of the United States in the short run.

Iran still offering hostages for arms

By Robert Fisk, Middle East Correspondent The Speaker of the Iranian Parliament yesterday reiterated his willingness to help in the release of foreign hostages in Lebanon in return for the delivery of American weapons bought by Iran at the time of the Shah.

US nuclear move angers Gorbachov

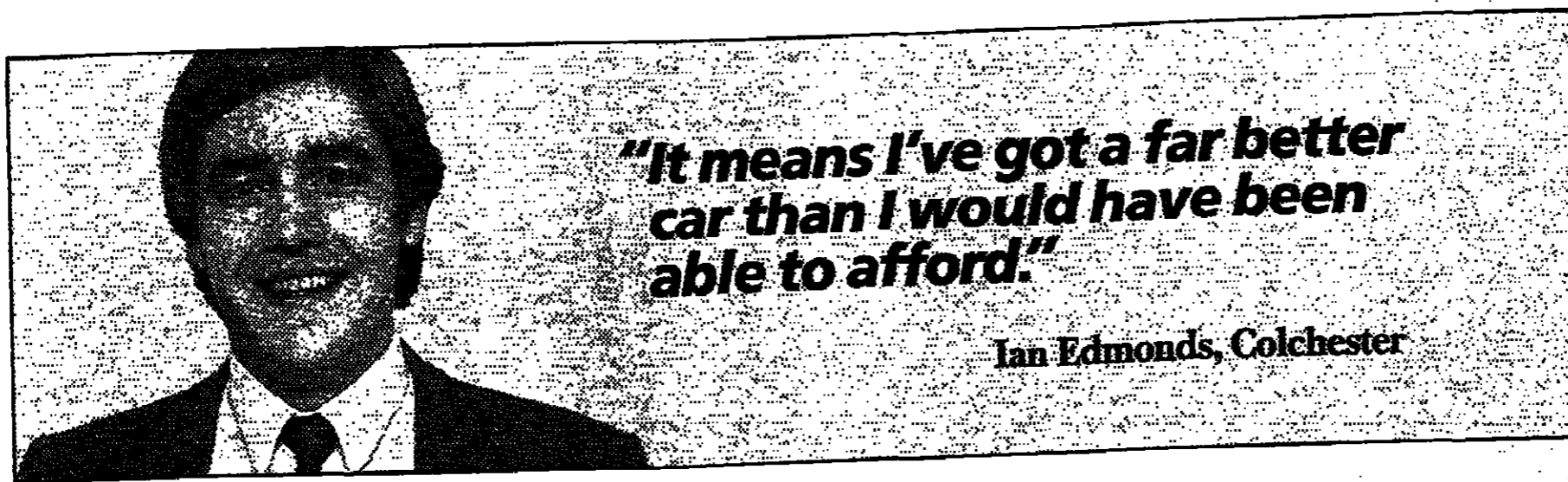
From Michael Hamlyn Delhi Mr Gorbachov said he had no official confirmation from the White House, but had read press reports. "If that were so," Mr Gorbachov said, "we believe that step is contradictory to the entire logic of the Reykjavik meeting and to statements by the US side after Reykjavik that the US remains committed to the search for disarmament."

How much did the President know?

As one Democratic wag put it: "There are probably more shoes left to drop in this case than Imelda Marcos had in her closet." For virtually no one believes that with the dismissal of Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the Iran scandal has come to an end.

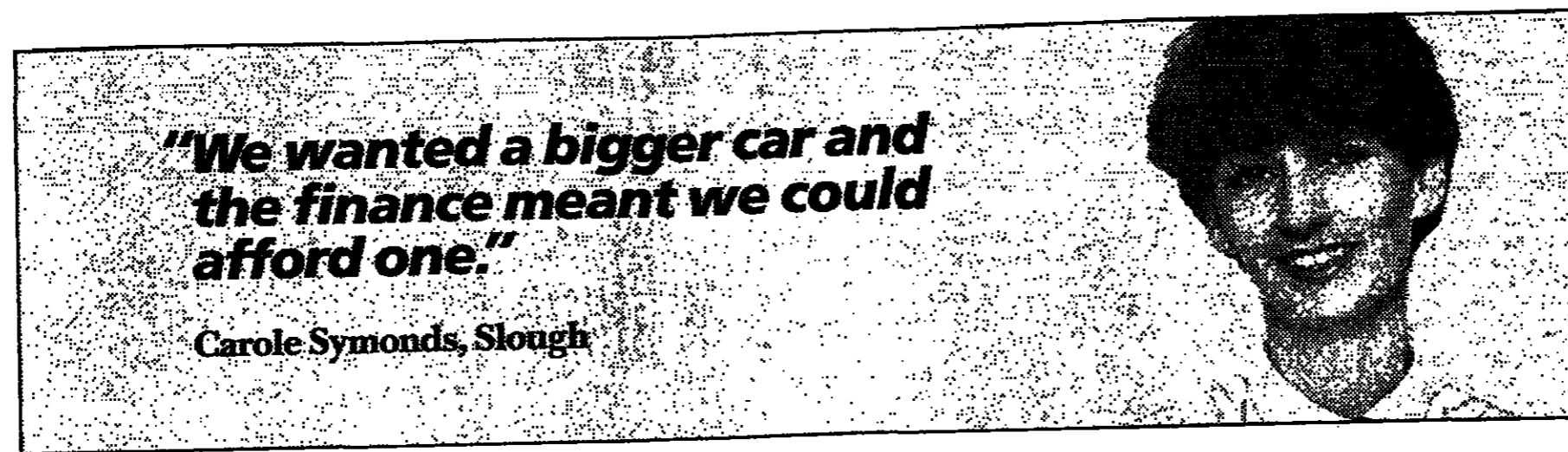
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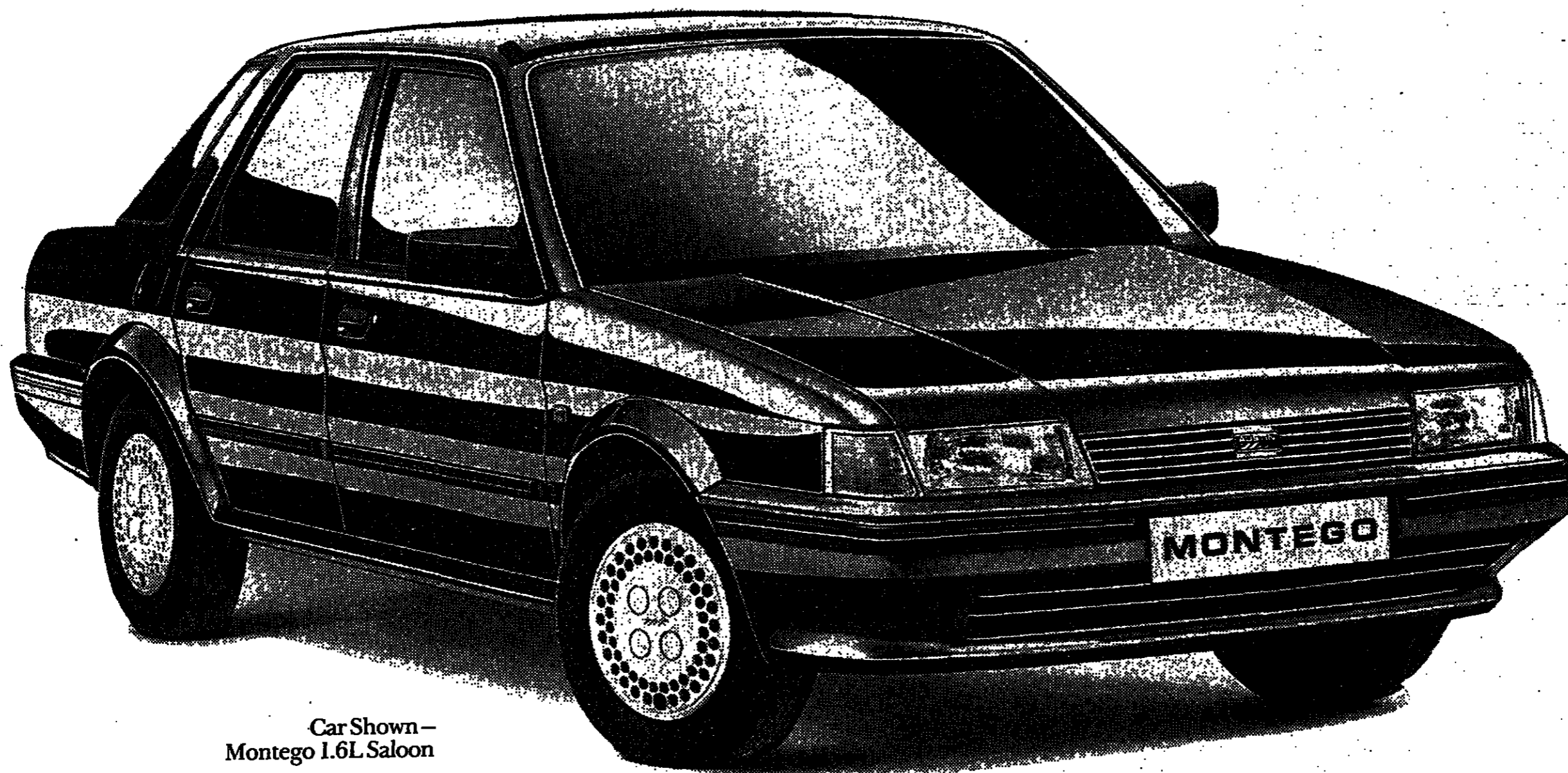
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Battle rages over village as Syria combats PLO renaissance in Lebanon

"You like Che Guevara?" asked the young gunman from the Sunni Muslim Popular Liberation Army as he lit another cigarette inside his improvised sentry post on the deserted coastal road. "Guevara very good. Amal no good," he went on, developing an improbable theory of his own as he stood there, indifferent to the artillery blasts that rattled the tin roof of his hut.

Should the legendary guerrilla commander have survived his campaign in the jungle of Bolivia 15 years ago, said the gunman, Guevara would be out there, fighting alongside the Palestinians. Things would have gone differently. Or so he said.

Hundreds of tired Palestinian guerrillas battling in the hills east of Sidon would probably like to think so, too. Since they launched an impressive offensive to capture the strategic hilltop village of Maghdousheh from the Shia Muslim Amal militia six days ago, they have been repelled several times by Amal, come under fire from Lebanese Army tanks and, even more recently, rocketed by Israeli aircraft.

Syria has mobilized all of its left-wing and Muslim allies to try to halt a Palestinian renaissance in southern Lebanon four years after the Israeli invasion, a Damascus-sponsored rebellion within the PLO scattered Mr Yasir Arafat's badly beaten forces across the Arab world.

President Assad clearly wants to keep the risks as low as possible and has mustered support in Libya and Iraq to try to crush Mr Arafat's plans

From Juan Carlos Gunclo, Sidon

to rebuild his power base in Lebanon.

So far, his efforts have proved fruitless. Neither the Popular Liberation Army nor any other leftist militia are defending Amal in the battlefield. The latest Syrian failure became evident yesterday afternoon, when both the Palestinians and Amal ignored a ceasefire agreement painstakingly reached in Damascus — largely because Mr Arafat's forces were not represented in the negotiations.

Syria, which refuses to talk to Mr Arafat, has been dealing exclusively with the Palestine National Salvation Front, a Syrian-based coalition of six guerrilla groups opposed to Mr Arafat. But concern in Syria grew as several of these groups began to involve themselves on Mr Arafat's side in the fierce confrontation around Sidon. Both Palestinians and Amal claim to be in control of the hills.

As expected, the battle for Maghdousheh, which has already claimed around 200 lives, yesterday spread to the shams of Beirut, where Amal gunmen, supported by mortar and tank fire, launched simultaneous attacks on the Bourj el-Barajneh and Chastilla Palestinian camps. A communiqué issued by Mr Arafat's Fatah faction said two Amal tanks were destroyed during the Palestinian counter-offensive, in which six people were reported killed.

Appeals by Lebanon's Christian and Muslim religious leaders failed to dispel the tension in the streets of west Beirut, where armed militiamen could be seen manning checkpoints for the first time in months. Lebanese

newspaper columnists are warning that the Palestinians' determination to recover military and political power in Lebanon heralds a new phase in the 11-year-old civil war.

"The situation has taken a very dangerous turn," said a Lebanese source who was present at the talks in Damascus. In Syria's view, a strong Palestinian presence in Sidon would not only give the PLO its first foothold in Lebanon since 1982, but would push Amal below the Zahran river, thus creating a *de facto* Shia Muslim canton in the south.

"It is very difficult to believe that the Palestinians will withdraw from their new positions simply because Syria wants to help Amal maintain its only stronghold near Sidon," said the Lebanese. When it comes to ensuring a truce, Syrian negotiators are used to failure. But this time, the Damascus Government is so eager to stress its decisive influence in Lebanon that some officials are said to be considering the deployment of Syrian Army troops into the Maghdousheh hills — only 25 miles north of the Israeli-occupied zone of southern Lebanon, and much closer to the national "red line" just above the Litani river below which the Israelis say they will not allow Syrian forces to penetrate.

Most Syrian officials are said to be inclined to repeat an experiment which proved brutally successful a year ago in Tripoli: There, besieged Palestinian guerrillas and Sunni Muslim allies were defeated by Syria and its allies after two weeks of savage shelling that destroyed entire neighbourhoods.



The Pope receiving a kiss as he arrives at a Catholic school in Melbourne yesterday, where he fielded questions from pupils before leaving to lead prayers for destitute men at a hostel (Reuters reports).

He spoke against abortion and euthanasia at a Mass attended by 110,000 people at Fleming-

ton racecourse and warned embryo research scientists that they must use their skills in the service of humanity "to make sure that these never become false idols".

The Pope will fly to Alice Springs today where 10,000 Aborigines from all over the country have gathered to meet him.

Talks on Hong Kong constitution

Pressure for early agreement

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

The search for agreement between Whitehall and Peking on the shape of Hong Kong's constitution shifted into high gear yesterday amid a flurry of diplomatic moves.

Strong indications were emerging that both want a tacit but early agreement on the type of democratic process to be used. Whitehall is debating whether to introduce direct elections in 1988 and Peking is planning the settlement's post-colonial law.

While publicly insisting that the constitution until June 30, 1997, is for Whitehall and Hong Kong to decide, Britain is anxious not to implement democratic structures destined to be dismantled when Peking takes over.

Sir Edward Youde, the colony's Governor, arrived home yesterday after two meetings with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the British Foreign Secretary. On Monday he and Sir Richard Evans, the British Ambassador to China, are to meet Chinese ministers in Peking.

By spring Britain is to produce a Green Paper discussing extensions to Hong Kong's limited system of representation in which it could be suggested that up to a quarter of the National Assembly be directly elected in 1988.

The Basic Law Drafting Committee, made up of 36 Chinese officials and 23 prominent local citizens, is debating what law will apply when the British leave. Its first draft is expected in 1990.

In theory there is a watertight barrier between the two moves. In practice both sides want to link them.

The right of Hong Kong's 5.5 million residents to con-

Austerity measures start riot in Brasilia

From Mac Margolis
Rio de Janeiro

Work crews spent most of yesterday morning sweeping up the charred debris and rubble left behind by Thursday's anti-government protest in Brasilia.

A peaceful protest against recent austerity measures turned into an ugly confrontation as soldiers and military police clashed with thousands of demonstrators protesting against imminent dismissals of government workers and stiff new price rises. Some protesters went on a rampage, setting 29 government vehicles ablaze, looting supermarkets and vandalizing banks.

The demonstration, organized by opposition parties and trade unions, started with a peaceful rally at Brasilia's bus station. The crowd marched towards the Ministry of Finance where thousands shouted anti-government slogans. But when President Jose Sarney left the presidential palace to attend a Thanksgiving Day Mass, police advanced on the crowds. By dusk the lavas in front of the ministries were a near-battlefield reeked in tear gas.

Yesterday police were again dispatched to disperse a crowd at the bus station.

These disturbances have marred the administration of Senator Sarney, who less than two weeks ago was enjoying an overwhelming election victory.

The Government gambled on a sweeping array of economic reforms, such as steep increases in petrol and utility rates, and the closure of loss-making state companies. The reforms were judged vital to control consumer spending and finance a gaping budget deficit, which threatened an anti-inflation plan. However, the price rises hurt middle-class consumers and the plans to close 15 state enterprises could result in the loss of up to 30,000 jobs.

Public outcry was immediate and almost overnight Senator Sarney's popularity plunged. The stock market plummeted and Senator Dilson Fumero, the Finance Minister, offered to step down.

Senator Sarney refused to accept Senator Fumero's resignation, but the crisis may not be over. The Militant Centre of Unified Workers has called a national general strike for mid-December.

Thailand tests EEC goods for radiation

Bangkok — Large quantities of dairy products, cereals and farm fertilizers imported from Europe are held up on the Bangkok docks for radiation testing because of fears that they are contaminated from the Chernobyl disaster (Neil Kelly writes).

EEC officials in Bangkok have complained that the Thai Government has set safety levels far too low and have warned that the decision could damage Thai-European trade relations.

Fruitful racket

Foggia, Italy (Reuters) — Italian magistrates have issued warrants for the arrest of 40 people over a huge fruit and vegetable racket they say has defrauded the EEC of up to 30 billion lire (£15 million).

Jobs for girls

Bonn (Reuters) — More West German girls are going into "men's jobs" than ever before. A nationwide study showed one in 12 girls going into trades once the preserve of men only, such as metal and electrical work.

Yamani ban

Le Brassus, Switzerland (UPI) — Sheikh Yamani, the former Saudi oil minister, missed a Swiss hotel shareholders' meeting because King Faud has banned him from leaving Saudi Arabia.

PC spy jailed

Hamburg (Reuters) — A Bremen detective who sold East Germany data about fellow-policemen has been jailed for five years. Horst Manske, aged 33, was also fined DM 21,900 (£7,820), the amount he said the East Germans paid him.

Protest fires

Tokyo (Reuters) — Suspected radical extremists firebombed homes of two executives working on a controversial expansion of Tokyo's Narita airport. Simultaneous fires at the front doors of the houses in Yokohama and Matsudo caused slight damage.

Tower death

Paris (AP) — The body of an unidentified woman who threw herself from the Eiffel Tower has been found at the foot of the Paris landmark.

Aquino accepts more resignations

From David Watts
Manila

President Aquino of the Philippines began the removal of her Cabinet yesterday by removing two ministers. Her move coincided with Mrs Julia Ponce Enrile, her deposed Defence Minister, formally handing over his post, yet hinting at a return to politics.

Mrs Aquino accepted the resignations of Mr Ernesto Maceda, Minister of Natural Resources, and Mr Rogelio Mercado, Minister of Public

Works and Highways. She did not say why the two were dismissed, but it is thought they had been involved in corruption.

The President is expected to continue with further Cabinet changes next week.

Mr Enrile's comments as he bowed out as Defence Minister could be interpreted as signalling to Mrs Aquino that he will soon be back in opposition politics.

well-wishers at the Ministry of Defence building in Camp Aguinaldo, from which he and General Fidel Ramos led the February revolt against Mr Marcos. Mr Enrile said: "I leave without any rancour, any regrets or recriminations... as long as violence is avoided, we must be prepared to test the thinking and ideas of others against our own and in the process gain deeper insight to bolster our common task of building a real common democracy."

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PROSE & POETRY

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I was impressed by the scholarship of the Oxford Shakespeare, published this year, edited by Stanley Wells and Gary Taylor (Oxford, £60), although my pleasure will be tempered until an edition employing the original spelling is delivered to my door.

Andrew Sinclair
The Fifth Son by Eric Wiesner (Vintage, £9.95) is haunting and harrowing, not so much a testimony of the holocaust as an inquiry into the roots of retribution and stonement, the strange mercy of God and the impossible vengeance of men.

Stuart Evans
The Real Life of Alejandro Moya by Mario Vargas Llosa (Faber, £9.95). Set in an explosive Lima of the near future, the novel moves with characteristic mastery back and forth in time to examine the violent predicament of Peru and of Latin America, through a reconstruction of an obscure uprising in a provincial town led by a naive idealist revolutionary.

FICTION

John Nicholson
A splendid year for new fiction, an even better one for the Booker Prize. But the old boy needs no further help, so I'll go for Dr Graber's Daughter (Hodder & Stoughton, £9.95), an immaculately diabolical offering from Janice Elliott (second year running for Miss E, but I can't resist her stuff), The Bridge (Macmillan, £9.95) by Ian Banks, which seems to have been too Kafkaesque for many critics, but impressed me with its cunning blend of surrealism and nostalgia for the 1970s.

Elaine Feinstein
This has been a remarkably fine year for fiction. At the head of the list: John Updike's Roger's Version (André Deutsch, £9.95) is sharply written but never clipped, cool yet always alert. Updike enters the world of computer graphics with deceptive ease, to explore both the terror of finding God at the frontiers of science and some of the sadder corruptions of present-day America.

Nicholas Shakespeare
With his latest collection, The News from Ireland (The Bodley Head, £9.95), William Trevor confirms his position as the best short-story writer we have. Vivisecting the forlorn lives of middle-aged men and women, Trevor shows himself at much at home in Florence as in Dublin.

Isabel Inghel
For me, this has been the year of Primo Levi: first the irresistible sweep of If Not Now, When? (Michael Joseph, £10.95); now the precise and intellectual The Periodic Table (Abacus, £3.95). Both are books to shake one's faith in humanity to its roots; both are crowned with the true optimism of the survivor of Auschwitz, Levi himself. At the end of each I want to cry out "Victory!" like Conrad, truly enriched by the experience. I have also enjoyed catching up on earlier novels, now in paperback, by Alice Thomas Ellis who is guaranteed to make me laugh at the most unlikely times: The Sin Eater and The Other Side of the Fire (Penguin, £2.95 each).

Philip Howard
This year, happily, an enjoyable book won the Booker Prize. The Old Devils by Kingsley Amis (Hutchinson, £9.95), though you need to be tough-minded to enjoy the graveyard and bottle-bank humour of this story of old friends, rivals and lovers in south Wales on the boozey path to the everlasting bonfire. I enjoyed nearly all the novels on the Booker and Whitbread short lists, and thought that Staring at the Sun by Julian Barnes (Corgi, £9.95) and Innocence by Penelope Fitzgerald (Collins, £9.95) deserved to be up there. Wendy Cope's Making Cocoa for Kingsley Amis (Faber, £3.95) is notable for parodies and poems that are clever, candid, ironic and very funny.

Victoria Glasfanning
I greatly enjoyed Paul Theroux's O-Zone (Hamish Hamilton, £9.95), a disturbing adventure-story of the near future, in an America where whole regions are lethally contaminated by radioactive waste, and Manhattan is a sealed city for the wealthy and healthy. My only criticism is that it goes on a bit too long - like ourselves, according to Kingsley Amis in The Old Devils (Hutchinson, £9.95), the irresistible Booker winner - a comedy of ill-manners about various disgruntled non-golden oldies set, alcoholically, in Wales.

Gillian Greenwood
My favourite fiction this year came from abroad. The first was in January with the appearance of White Noise by the American Don DeLillo (Picador, £9.95), a writer who had not been published here before. This is a brilliant and funny novel about the fear of death, veering from the



the last theatre critic (anyway in this country) whose awaited notices curdled a playwright's blood. But he could make as well as break; his judgements were the truth that he saw. If the theatre was his life, his own life almost beat it for theatricality. Dr Harding, in what is for me a model biography, misses nothing of this, from the subject's stony output of words to his alarming sexual tastes and grotesque homo-blanket overcosts. Digging up the dead is easy, given the researcher's energy and zest, but often yields little beyond facts and footnotes. This examination restores the full man to larger-than-life life: clever, childish, outrageous.

HISTORY

J. Enoch Powell
Robert Reid's Land of Lost Content: The Ludite Revolt (Heinemann, £14.95) illuminated with haunting detail one episode in that Industrial Revolution which forever tantalizes the men of the 20th century, with its premonitions of so much that we have striven to grasp and to cope with in our own time. The young Ludite worsted-finisher George Mellor, who was hanged at York in the winter of 1812, and the hard-bitten Major General Mainland, who had him hanged, become immortal alongside the characters created by Thackeray and Dickens.

MILITARY

William Jackson
Two books stand out: Nigel Hamilton's third volume of his Memoirs (Hamish Hamilton, £13) looks back at our recent past, and Jon Connell's New Maginot Line (Secker & Warburg, £12.95) peers into the clouded crystal of our future. Hamilton provides a fascinating study of the Field Marshal at the height of his career, and during his declining years when he was Western Europe's self-imposed military mentor. Both periods were sadly missed by his extraordinary personality defects. Jon Connell explores the equally grotesque flaws in current American military policy.

THRILLERS

Tim Heald
Best thriller of the year was John Le Carré's A Perfect Spy (Hodder & Stoughton, £9.95), a classic genre-buster which surely deserved to be measured alongside the Booker-winning Amis. Best first effort was Death in Leningrad by John Lear (Pinto, £8.95), also - unlike so many artefacts under this heading - a real book by a real writer.

a professional archaeologist who has worked for many seasons in Normandy, and an amusing traveller with wide-ranging interests. Her book is authoritative and well illustrated with maps and plans. I have been visiting megalithic sites in southern Brittany for half a century; on a brief sentimental pilgrimage this autumn to the classic areas of Carnac and Locmariaquer I took this guide with me and found it accurate, detailed and full of wise and helpful new ideas.

CRICKET

Chris Patten
The Wisden Book of Obituaries compiled by Benny Green (Macdonald/Queen Anne Press, £29.95) has replaced the Michelin Guide to France as my main literary companion in the bathroom. It is invaluable for all who show a proper interest in the averages of dead cricketers.

GARDENS

Ruth Stungo
In a class of its own is Charles Raven's epic biography of the 17th-century naturalist John Ray, long out of print but now reissued with an introduction by S. M. Walters, John Ray: Naturalist (Cambridge, £15). Product of an age which looked with renewed interest at the natural world and sought explanation and order, Ray, the blacksmith's son, was one of the first and greatest systematists.

ART

John Russell Taylor
There is nothing like a spice of raving megalomania to enliven a serious essay in art history. The artists of Morton D. Paley's The Apocalyptic Sublime (Yale, £30) were all a bit cracked, from Philippe Jacques de Loutherbourg to Francis Danby; and if they were given to talking with angels in the garden (like Blake) or hobnobbing on canvas with Belshazzar and his accident-prone biblical kin (like Martin), contemporaries readily supposed they were insane. But then, that kind of insanity was the door from Classicism to Romanticism.

SCI-FI

Tom Hutchinson
The SF reviewer's pew often becomes a very hot seat indeed, so I look back in nostalgia to more sedate times with no significance other than adventure. Mission Earth: The Invaders Plan (New Era, £10.95) by L. Ron Hubbard, Scientology's founding father, was pell-mell stuff reminiscent of the Golden Age of the Pulp.

TRAVEL

Allan Massie
Between the Woods and the Water by Patrick Leigh Fermor (John Murray, £13.95), is a perfect example of that most difficult form, the travel book. This story of a journey made half a century ago through Hungary and into Romania is not only beautifully, but happily, written. It is a deeply felt and often brilliantly illuminating series of responses to Big Questions about the nature of tragedy.

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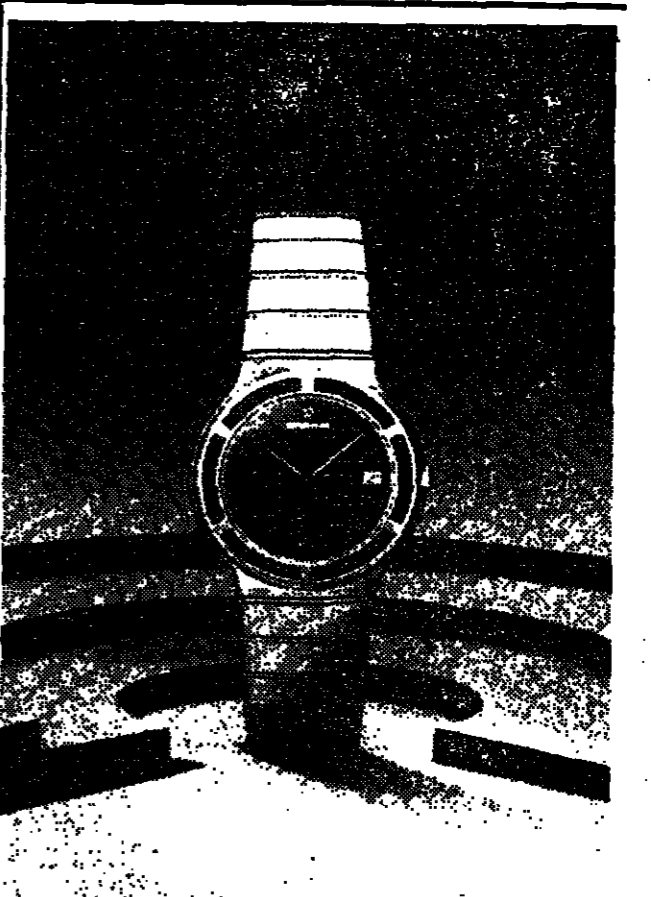
Woodrow Wyatt
Augustus Hare by Malcolm Barnes (Allen & Unwin, £20) delightfully revives the memory, too long neglected, of the water-colourist, travel book writer, guest at all the best and perhaps some of the worst houses, whose life spanned all Queen Victoria's reign.

CLASSICS

Peter Jones
F. A. Wolf's epoch-making Prolegomena to Homer, first published in 1795 in Latin, is translated into English for the first time by Grafton, Most and Zetzel (Princeton, £30.20). This contentious work brought together all the arguments against a single 'Homer' as composer of the Iliad and Odyssey, and defined the terms of Homeric scholarship until oral theory arrived. Wolf claimed: 'It deals with what happened, not with what one wishes had happened.' But Wolf, like Goethe, found his head in conflict with his heart on the issue. H. A. Mason's The Tragic Pleasure (Oxford, £17.50) is not about airline disasters, but a deeply felt and often brilliantly illuminating series of responses to Big Questions about the nature of tragedy.

ARCHAEOLOGY

Glyn Daniel
The Archaeology of Brittany, Normandy and the Channel Islands by Dr Barbara Bender (Faber, £14.95) is something we have all - amateur, professional, ordinary traveller - been waiting for. Dr Bender is



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SATURDAY guide to Christmas shows: pantomimes, ice shows, musicals, Muppets - p17

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CHRISTMAS BOOKS 2

Another case for Dalglish

"...And you may be interested to know that the following BBC books are available to accompany the programmes you have most enjoyed this autumn."



BIRDS FOR ALL SEASONS
Jeffery Boswall
£10.95 hardback illustrated

THE FOOD AID COOKERY BOOK
Edited by Delia Smith with a foreword by Terry Wogan
£3.95 paperback illustrated

UNDER SAIL
Introduction by Tom Salmon
£5.95 paperback illustrated



TEST PILOT
Brian Johnson
£10.95 hardback illustrated



THREE MEN IN A GARDEN
A Practical Guide to the Complete Garden
Dr. Stefan Buczacki, Clay Jones and Geoffrey Smith
£12.95 illustrated

THE MONEY MAKERS
Six Portraits of Power in Industry
David Lomax
£3.95 paperback



CRIME

● Marcel Berlins

At the elegant, elegiac and famous end of the crime-writing spectrum, P. D. James's long (nearly 500 pages) *A Taste for Death* (Faber, £9.95) manages to combine superb writing, a bleak chilling story starting with the dual death of an MP and a tramp and, in Adam Dalglish, the most complex tormented police hero in fiction.

At the other extreme, *The Lolita Man* by Bill James (Constable, £8.95) is short and forceful. Its cast of blunt, tough, dissatisfied coppers is convincing; dialogue and descriptions are aggressive and unyielding; and the plot—a search for a sex murderer—is only too believable.

The most enjoyable of the American private eye imports was the cynically sensitive Amos Walker in Loren D. Estleman's *Sugartown* (Macmillan, £7.95), a fast and witty trip through Detroit's gloom to solve a 19-year-old murder.



Chilling stuff: another super thriller from P.D. James

More Christmas Books in the Books Page of December 11, including biographies, fiction, science, cooking, and gardens.

POETRY

● Peter Levi

The best new book of poems I read this year was the *Collected Poems of Elizabeth Jennings* (Corgi, £14.95). I do not understand the quality of permanence, but she has it; nor the power of poets to develop, but she certainly had that because her most recent work is her best. It must be something like good bone structure. The best new edition of poems is the Penguin Shakespeare's *Sonnets*, edited by John Kerrigan (£2.95), which uses brilliant recent work by K. Duncan-Jones to show how the entire collection subdivides and how the "Lover's Complaint", a grossly neglected poem, belongs with the *Sonnets*. This edition also gives a serious account of textual history. The *Sonnets* are inexhaustible but most editions are hopeless.

● Robert Nye

John Ashbery is master of that New York school of poets which flirts with nonsense,

delights all fans of the difficult and the obscure, eschewing any kind of clear subject-matter. Ashbery's friends and disciples throw words at the page much in the manner of Jackson Pollock hurling paint at a canvas, with results about as amusing as the average Rorschach test. I think it worth insisting that Ashbery himself has another dimension. The content of his work may be elusive, but the structures have grown increasingly beautiful and the effects compelling. His *Selected Poems* (Corgi, £16.95) seems to me a rich and inspiring book, an Arabian Nights' cave of treasures and entertainments. Beside it I would put the diametrically different excellence of C. H. Sisson's translation of *The Aeneid* (Corgi, £16.95), which makes a living Englishman of Virgil.

Postman (Heinemann, £5.95) with its richly inventive sequence of other-people's-letters for children to open and read for themselves—and how many will purloin Goldilocks's one pound note issued by the Bank of Wonderland? Among books for older children I would like to single out Ruth Elwin Harris's *The Silent Shore* (Julia MacRae, £7.95), carrying us from 1910 to 1920 in the first volume of a family saga that postpones paradise without recourse to false dramatics. Lastly, exceptional amid the patsy writing that goes on about children's books, is Margery Fisher's subtle assured exploration of the debatable land of the adventure story: *The Bright Face of Danger* (Hodder & Stoughton, £12.95).

HISTORICALS

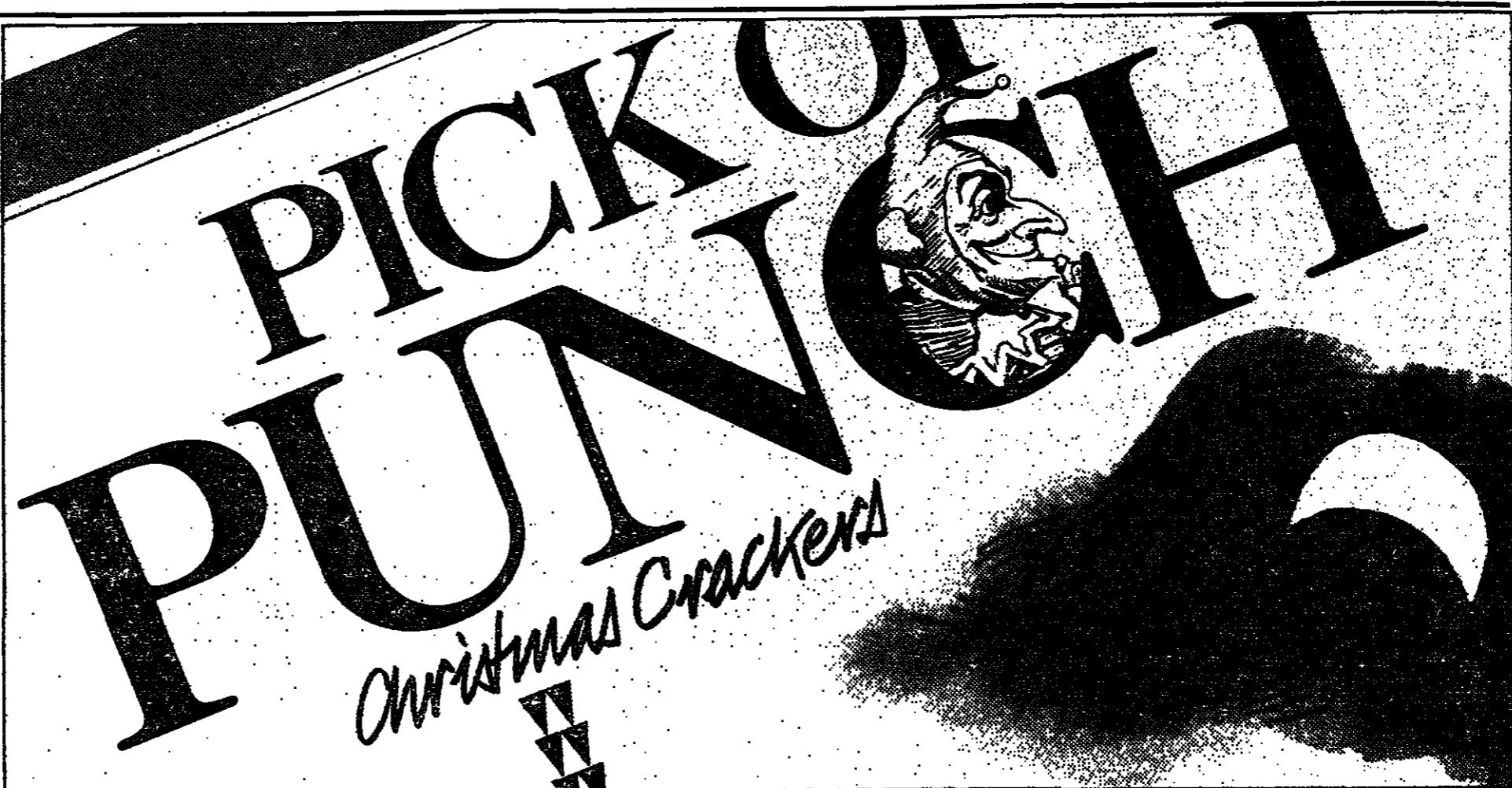
● Philippa Toomey

Niccolo Rising by Dorothy Dunnett (Michael Joseph, £9.95) was a splendid start to a historical series, set in 15th-century Burgundy, which I hope will occupy the author and me for the next 10 years.

CHILDREN

● Brian Alderson

Unequaled among this year's children's books is Allan and Janet Ahlberg's *The Jelly*



PICK OF PUNCH Christmas Crackers

- The Good Food Guide 1987* (Hodder & Stoughton) p/b/£9.95
- The Good Terrorist* (Doris Lessing/Grafton) p/b/£2.95
- En Route: The French Autoroute Guide* (Richard Binns/Corgi) p/b/£3.95
- French Leave Favourites* (Richard Binns/Chiltern House) £7.95
- Pick of Punch* (Ed. Alan Coren/Grafton) £9.95
- Domesday - A Search for the Roots of England* (Michael Wood/BBC Publications) £12.95
- Road to Victory* (Martin Gilbert/Heinemann) £20.00
- Chris Bonington: The Everests* (Chris Bonington/Hodder & Stoughton) £14.95
- The Everest Years* (Chris Bonington/Hodder & Stoughton) £14.95
- Britain and Ireland: A Children's History* (Christopher Wright/Kingsfisher) £9.95
- The Illustrated Hancock* (Roger Wilmut/Queen Anne Press) £10.95

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CHRISTMAS BOOKS 3

Funny as a fruit cake

This year's fruit cake of Christmas funnies is even more solid and tasteless than usual. Put in your thumb and you will almost certainly pull out a bum.

Of repeats, Alan Coren separates the newly baked (65 per cent of the heap in front of me) from yesterday's crumble (35 per cent).

Of the new, Miles Kingdon's The Franglais Lientenant's Woman (Robson, £7.95) is the pick.

But when Grandma fell off the Boat (Methuen, £9.95) is a must for those who do not know Harry Graham.

Billy, in one of his nice new sashes, fell in the fire and was burnt to ashes.

HUMOUR

An anthology is Hammer and Tongues, a dictionary of women's wit and humour compiled by Michele Brown and Ann O'Connor (Dent, £8.95).

In a Dudley Moore's somewhat scrappy Musical Bumps (Robson, £7.95), I liked the story of Schnabel telling a poor student who could not afford his 5 guinea lessons that he gave 3 guinea ones but could not recommend them.

Whatever happens to these books after Christmas (transported off to a Book Mountain in Brussels and turned into suits for Russian Trade Delegations) two will, I hope, escape the cut.

Peter Jones

PICTURE BOOKS

A Was an Apple Pie by Tracey Campbell Pearson (The Bodley Head, £4.50). Where better to start than with the longest book of the year—all six yards of it?

The Jolly Postman, or other people's letters by Janet and Alan Ahlberg (Heinemann, £5.95). The 'other people' will be well enough known: Mr and Mrs Bear of Three Bears Cottage.

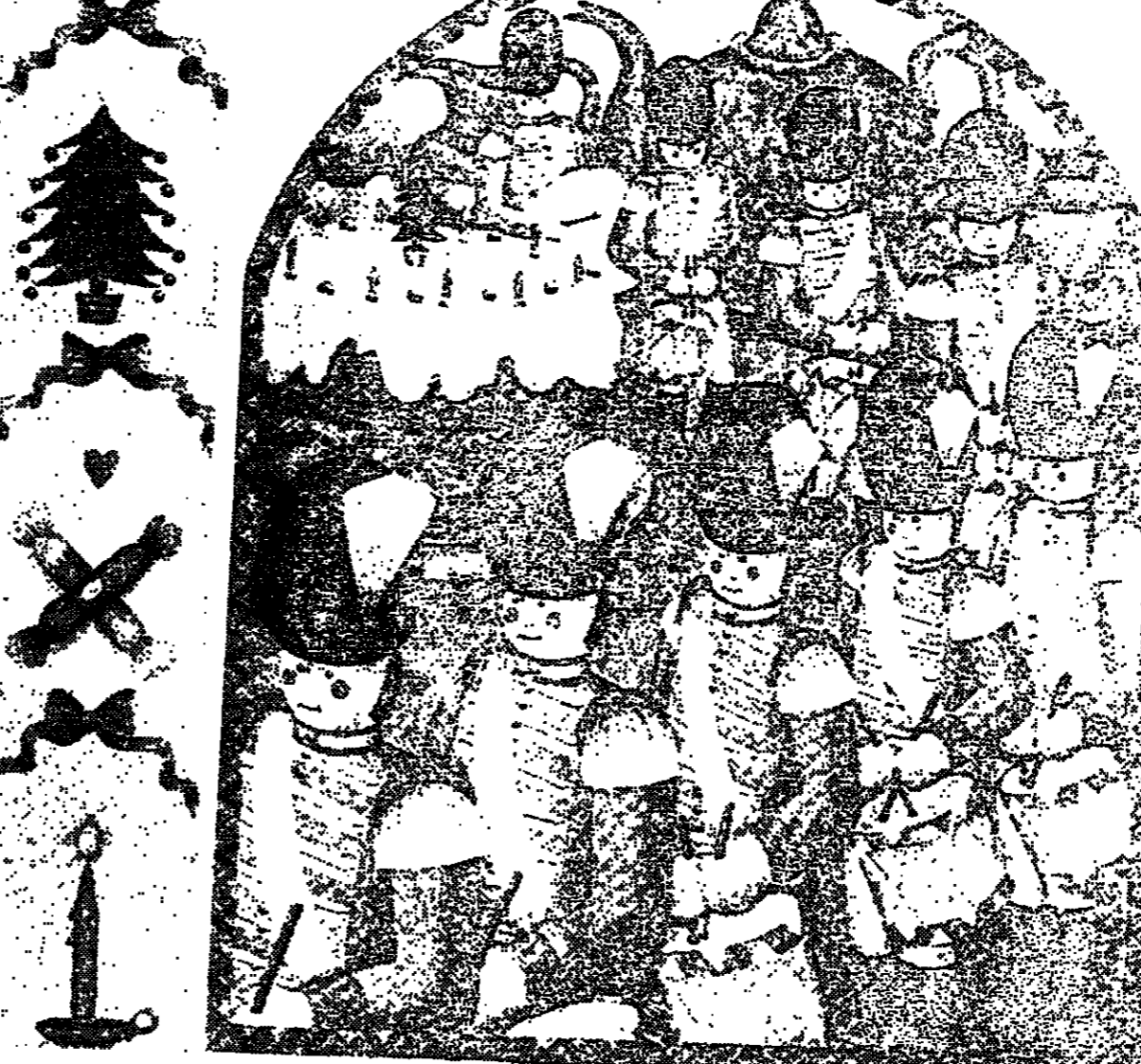
Dudley Books (four titles) by Judy Taylor, illustrated by Peter Cross (Walker Books, £1.85 each). Four-title series seem to be fashionable this season, but this set about an engagingly dozy dormouse deserves to be bought en bloc.

The Twelve Days of Christmas by Sophie Windham (Macmillan, £6.50). An advent calendar for the days that follow Christmas.

Did you know that Captain Kirk has three ears? Brian Alderson finds some astonishing facts and affectionate fictions in his selection for small readers

Animal crackers

CHILDREN'S



Roll call: nine drummers drumming (above) and page decorations from The Twelve Days of Christmas by Sophie Windham

be bested by a couple of teenagers. Mr Jeffries writes with the old-fashioned idea that children read stories to find out what happened next, as though social realism and heavy fantasy had never overtaken the Famous Five. What a welcome relief.

Isaac Champion by Janni Howker (Julia MacRae, £5.95). If we have to have social realism, then let it be with the full-blooded commitment of this powerful story of a feud between two horse-dealing families at the back end of the 19th century.

The Happy Birthday Book by Dennis Pepper and David Jackson (Oxford, £7.95). It might have been more appropriate to recommend Dennis Pepper's new Oxford Book of Christmas Stories (£7.95), an excellent and smoothly produced anthology.

Christmas Tins: a box by Sue Nicholls (Black, £8.95). A more sober volume, as befits one intended primarily as a teacher's resource book.

A Bag of Moonshine by Alan Garner, illustrated by Patrick James Lynch (Collins, £8.95). Twenty-two traditional British stories and riddle games, some being variants on well-known tales.

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FICTION

The Marzipan Pig by Russell Hoban, illustrated by Quentin Blake (Cape, £4.95). Earlier this year the Blake/Hoban team produced The Rain Door, a scatty picture book about a thunderstorm.

Noah's Brother by Dick King-Smith, illustrated by Ian Newsam (Collins, £5.95). Deserting his accustomed territory of flying pigs and intellectual parrots, Dick King-Smith turns to an ark full of comparatively normal

animals, presided over by Hazardik-ladoram, a member of Noah's family overlooked by the scribes of the Old Testament.

The Visitors by Angela Bull, illustrated by Valerie Littlewood (Hamish Hamilton, £3.25). Queen Victoria, incognito on one of her Great Expeditions, must needs spend a night at a

Highland inn where Bonnie Prince Charlie is still revered. The story is deftly told, nudging the reader into secrets which the characters take more time to discover, and holding the worst of the expected sentimentality at bay.

Meeting Trouble by Roderic Jeffries (Hodder & Stoughton, £6.50). Computer scientist under duress, his family under threat, the police complacent—how delightful that they can still all

Through a glass sharply

WINE

The autumn collection of books on wine and allied drinks sorts itself automatically into the fat and the thin. There are the Falstaffs, best consulted with a handy table nearby to rest them on: not at all suitable for a comfortable bedtime read.

This year tends to be sharp, especially in the case of Champagne and Sparkling Wine (Mitchell Beazley, £4.95) by our own Jane MacQuitty.

The obvious to the very recherché: Mr Johnson finds more Belgian grape varieties and wines than were ever dreamt of on the road to old Stamboul. I question, though, a final section headed 'Wines at their peak in 1987', which lists no fewer than eight vintages of grands crus classés.

The illustrations tend to be decorative rather than helpful: who can tell a bunch of Australian Tarrango grapes from a Californian Ruby Cabernet in sepia? The maps point in all directions of the compass and put the Blafrankisch on the wrong side of the Austro-Hungarian border.

Wine (Mitchell Beazley, £14.95) run, thank goodness, north to south. This is basically a gazetteer for anyone driving around the German vineyards. The practical rubs shoulders with the pompous, as when in Würzburg the author samples "the immortal vintage of 1546".

The prize for the worst writing—or translation—goes to Beaujolais: The Complete Guide (Michael Joseph, £19.95). When wine-makers are described as knowing "how to direct whole orchestras of organoleptic elements and subtle aldehydes, till they reach a crescendo of sweetness" we are swept into the world of the tourist office brochure and maybe reach for a glass of something stronger than Beaujolais.

The prize for the best composed book must be awarded to Nicholas Faith's Cognac (Hamish Hamilton, £15). His evocation of the past is as convincing as his judgement on the present, a gloomy one with static sales and once-famous names either going to the wall or being taken over.

John Higgins

LUKE: NOUGHT TO 21 THE STORY OF A GILDED YOUTH By T.V. NEWMARK. You've never read anything so witty... so sexy... so entertaining. AUTOLUCUS PRESS £3.95. Winston Graham THE GREEN FLASH '400 pages of sustained tension-tremendous narrative power' Martyn Goff, Daily Telegraph. 'Defies one not to read on... absorbing, unpredictable' Daily Mail. £10.95

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TRAVEL 2



Fairyland: the pretty ski resort of Ehrwald in Austria, canopied in several inches of snow

Nostalgic journey to ski in the distant past

John Young indulges himself with a ticket to Austria in the sedate luxury of the Orient Express

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SHOPPING

A bedtime story

A new hi-tech range of electric duvets can read body language. Nicole Swengley investigates



All toggled up: snuggle under a new electric duvet with automatic temperature control

Duvets sparked a bedtime revolution when they were introduced to Britain 15 years ago. An estimated 60 per cent of households snuggle under them but, despite their popularity, English fans of continental quilts have gradually discovered faults with their new-found bed-mates.

Typical English summers, for instance, mean that temperatures may be in the seventies one night and dip below fifty the next. And winter creates extreme problems for duvet owners with a low tog rating (the measure of how quickly body heat escapes through the quilt).

Then, there's the perennial problem of cold feet, warm nose - and, worse still, quarrels between sleeping partners who aren't comfortable in bed at the same temperature.

To solve these dilemmas, Northern Blankets, a leading electric blanket manufacturer, spent 10 years - and a massive £15 million - researching the answers. And they've come up with a "thinking" duvet, a "body responsive" quilt which detects the sleeper's cold parts and hot spots and accordingly adjusts the temperature of the duvet.

Hidden inside the duvet is a special heating element which will heat the duvet to a pre-selected level and monitor the temperature of its surroundings.

This brainy duvet also features a dial-a-tog facility so, with a cosy capability of a 17.5 tog rating for sudden cold snaps, it can also be used as a summer-weight quilt of 4.5 togs.

Like an ordinary continental quilt, the duvet fits standard covers and can safely be hand or machine washed. It costs £59.99 (single) and £72.99 (double). To keep both partners happy, the double and kingsize duvets are available with individual bedside controls (£84.99 and £99.99 respectively).

The body responsive duvet is currently marketed under the Rowenta label but next year is likely to be sold under the Sunbeam brand-name. (For enquiries, contact Northern Blankets (061 652 1211). Dreamland's new electric Superduvet is also a quilt for

all seasons. After pre-heating the bed, its setting can be switched to the chosen temperature then safely left on all night. Behaving like a thermostat, the control unit responds to fluctuations in bedroom temperature, automatically adjusting the heat generated. So, from a minimum of 4.5, the tog value can be increased to over 20 to outwit Jack Frost's frigid fingers.

Like Northern Blankets' heated duvet, Superduvet is machine washable and com-

ing. For overseas deliveries, please order by December 3, adding an extra £3.60 (Europe) and £5.10 (USA). Serve it with dill mustard, £1 per 225g pot from Rickling Farm Foods, and thin slices of brown bread.

Bonham's Christmas Sale may well answer perennial present-finding problems. On Thursday December 4 at 6pm a special auction sale at Knightsbridge will include a range of unusual gifts with prices starting around £30.

Silver tankards, snuff boxes, scent bottles, tea caddies, jewellery and carriage clocks will be among the items for auction, each vetted by Bonham's for authenticity.

plies with BEAB standards for electrical safety and BS1 standards for conventional duvets. It costs £59.95 (single), £79.95 (double) £89.95 (kingsize).

Less hi-tech, perhaps, double duvets also cope with the problem of temperature changes. Habitat's Trio consists of two separate quilts, a summer one of 4.5 togs and another with a nine tog rating for spring and autumn.

Fasted together with Velcro, Trio mutates into a double-thickness winter-weight quilt of 13.5 togs. Both quilts are filled with ICT's machine washable, non-allergenic Superloft polyester. It costs £45.95 (single), £68.95 (double) and £79.95 (large double).

Fogarty's non-allergenic, machine washable Microduo duvet works along similar principles, clipping together with plastic poppers. It contains "Microfil", a blended polyester fibre and costs £40 (single), £55 (double), £67 (kingsize).

Dorma also offer an "All Seasons" quilt in their Country Diary collection. Like Microduo, one quilt has a 4.5 tog value, while the other has a nine tog rating and the pair fasten together with Velcro. It's padded with ICT's Terylene Hi-Spun filling fibre and costs £45.95 (single), £69.95 (double) and £83.95 (kingsize).

Another version, Puffin's "Four Seasons" duvet also contains ICT's Terylene Hi-Spun filling fibre and costs £45.95 (single), £65.95 (double) and £78.95 (kingsize). Puffin also have a His and Hers duvet.

Ritzy night and knock-down gifts

If you've always thought that gift vouchers lack the glamour of more personal festive offerings, then think again.

The Ritz has introduced a pink parchment gift voucher which includes two nights' accommodation for two people in a twin or double room, English breakfast in the Ritz restaurant on both mornings (or in your room if you prefer)

and a bottle of Ritz pink champagne on arrival. The cost? A mere £240 which, we are assured, is a saving of nearly £200. Vouchers are valid from January 1 to March 31, 1987 and available from the hotel reception or by post from The Sales Office, The Ritz, Piccadilly, London

WIV 9DG. Turkey and Christmas pudding are traditional ingredients on the Christmas menu, but what can you serve as a starter?

Gravid Lax makes a delicious alternative to predictable soups and requires very little preparation. It was originally made by the Finns over 100 years ago by curing salmon in dill weed to acquire its unique flavour. Buy it pre-iced in vacuum packs by mail order to simplify shopping from Rickling Hall, Quedon, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 3YJ. Tel: (079 988) 487. It costs £10.50 per pound including postage and pack-

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National GARDEN GIFT TOKENS advertisement. Includes details on how to use tokens for garden gifts and contact information for National Horticultural Trade Association.

SWITZERLAND THE PLACE TO GO. Verenhof Hotels Baden advertisement. Includes contact information and details about thermal swimming pools.

Paris Poster advertisement. Offers a free copy of an attractive poster depicting Paris with the Orient Express.

GARRARD advertisement. Announces the reopening of their renovated Showrooms incorporating a NEW GIFT DEPARTMENT offering a wide selection of original Christmas Presents from £5.00 upwards.

NEW SOAP FROM OLD advertisement. Offers a special offer of 100g Soft Adhensive Lotion 18 x 40mm for £3.25.

ADIC LABELS advertisement. Offers a special offer of 100g Soft Adhensive Lotion 18 x 40mm for £3.25.

Bladon Lines advertisement. People in the know about skiing know about Bladon Lines! Offers chalet parties, hotels and self catering holidays in 47 top resorts.

SKI WEST advertisement. THE VERY BEST VALUE IN THE VERY BEST RESORTS! Prices from £59 by coach or £99 by air.

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WAXED COTTON COAT advertisement. Features a detailed diagram of the coat showing various features like TOUGH ZIP AND POPPERS, RIBBED STORM CUFFS, POUCH POCKETS, and WATERPROOF GAMEKEEPER'S POCKET.

ACAPULCO. 12 NIGHTS. FROM £499 advertisement. Acapulco as in Mexico? The very same. Also Cozumel, the largest of the Mexican Caribbean islands: 12 Nights, £525.

Carinthia Austria advertisement. "Where in the world did Franz Klammer learn to ski?" Offers a fabulous holiday for two and a unique video in which Franz Klammer takes to the slopes of Carinthia.

SKISCOPE 2 LATEST SHOCK PRICES advertisement. Offers ski packages for various destinations like Les Cochets/La Plagne and Les Arcs 2000.

THE TIMES DIAL YOUR ORDER advertisement. Offers a service for ordering books and gifts by telephone, access or via fax.

THE WEEK AHEAD



THEATRE

HAT TRICK: Clive Dunn plays the dithering uncle of bridegroom Tom Conti in the classic French farce, An Italian Straw Hat...



TELEVISION

IN THE DOCK: Anna Ford takes the chair for TV on Trial, the final programme in BBC Television's 50th anniversary celebrations...



CONCERTS

RUSSIAN SALAD: Semyon Bychkov, the young Leningrad-born conductor who made his British debut in March last year...



GALLERIES

TOP DRAWER: Edward Ardizzone started work as a clerk in the city, drawing secretly when the boss was not looking...



DANCE

BEAUTY TREATMENT: Anthony Dowell has his first created part since becoming artistic director of the Royal Ballet in Beauty and the Beast...



ROCK

SONGSMITHS: Eurythmics duo Annie Lennox and Dave Stewart can look back with satisfaction on a 10-year songwriting partnership...

FILMS OPENINGS

Labyrinth (U): Fairy-tale saga from Muppet man Jim Henson, with Jennifer Connelly as the teenager out to rescue her baby stepbrother...

CONCERTS

ASBADO/ASHKENAZY: Claudio Abbado conducts the London Symphony Orchestra in Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 6 'Pathétique'...

TELEVISION

THE KHANS OF PAKISTAN: A timely look at the extraordinary family from a tiny mud village on the north-west frontier...

CONCERTS

WEBER ANNIVERSARY: The 200th anniversary of Weber's birth is marked by the Hanover Band with Concertino for Horn and Orchestra...

TELEVISION

THE CHOSEN FEW: First of two 40-minute films in which, for the first time, television sits in on the selection of candidates for the top jobs in the Civil Service...

GALLERIES OPENINGS

JOHN BELLANY: Selection of paintings by the Scottish contemporary artist, from the exhibition shown in Edinburgh earlier this year...

CONCERTS

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Mozart and Janáček dominate the week: tonight and Fri at 7pm is Die Zauberflöte in a revival of August Everding's production...

GALLERIES OPENINGS

THE BICYCLE-CLIPPED MISANTHROPIST: An unusual view of the poet Philip Larkin, recalled by friends and colleagues in Hull...

SELECTED

ROUND MIDNIGHT (15): Bertrand Tavernier's loving homage to jazz musicians, set in Paris during the 1950s...

FILMS ON TV

Eddie Constantine as the private eye Lemmy Caution in Alphaville (BBC2, 11.35pm-1.20am)...

CONCERTS

HELP POLAND: In aid of the Help Poland Fund and in the presence of HRH Princess Alexandra...

DANCE

ROYAL BALLET: David Bintley's Young Apollo, with music by Britten and Gordon Cross...

TELEVISION

Hancock's Half Hour (BBC1, Tues, 8-8.30pm) is probably the only television comedy of the 1950s that can be repeated today without embarrassment...

CONCERTS

LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: The last week of its London season. Sibhan Davies's newest work and Richard Alston's Rainbow Bendit are on tonight's bill...

CONCERTS

FROM COPENHAGEN: Lamberto Gardelli conducts the Danish Radio Symphony Orchestra in Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet...

CONCERTS

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: The Rape of Lucretia, on Thurs at 7.30pm and Ian Judge's Cav and Pag plays on with performances on Wed and Dec 6 at 7.30pm...

ROCK

LEVEL 42: A lot of fast twiddly bass-playing, but no new material. Tomorrow-Wed, Wembley Arena (01-902 1234); Fri, NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133)...

CONCERTS

ALL BEETHOVEN: As James Loughran conducts the LSO, John Lill solos in Beethoven's Piano Concertos Nos 1-3...

CONCERTS

PRITCHARD/BBC SO: As a contribution to Radio 3's current Russian season, Sir John Pritchard conducts the BBC SO in Shostakovich's Symphony No 11 'The Year 1905'...

CONCERTS

NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE: Elisabeth Maurin, from Paris Opéra, dances Swan Lake, partnered by her Paris boss Rudolf Nureyev...

CONCERTS

OPERA INTEGRA: Gluck aficionados should seize the opportunity to see a comparatively rare staging of Iphigénie en Tauride on Thurs and Fri at 7.30pm...

SELECTED

ERICH WOLFSFELD: Tribute to a 20th-century German artist (1895-1956) who was exiled in this country from 1939...

CONCERTS

RODIN: Major show exploring the close relationship between the old master Auguste Rodin's drawings and his sculpture...

CONCERTS

ALDEBURGH MOOT HALL: WEEBEND: Concerts and other events in aid of 16th-century Moot Hall, with song recital by Janet Baker and Roger Vignoles...

THEATRE

BARRENCE WHITFIELD AND THE SAVAGES: Good time raucous rock 'n' roll of the kind favoured by Andy Kershaw...

CONCERTS

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY (1966): Clint Eastwood leads Sergio Leone's stylish, violent story of bounty hunters in the American Civil War...

CONCERTS

RAY BROWN TRIO: Gene Harris, a pianist who plays the blues like he invented them, is the revelation of band led by one of the great bassists of jazz...

CONCERTS

KENNY DAVERN: Fluent and lyrical mainstream clarinetist. Tonight, Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722)...

CONCERTS

COURTNEY PINE: Behind the hype, Pine is a genuinely talented musician with a lot of growing to do. Tonight, University of East Anglia, Norwich (0503 505401)...

CONCERTS

NAPPY BROWN: A welcome comeback by the Fifties rhythm 'n' blues veteran whose gospel-derived composition 'Night Time is the Right Time' provided Ray Charles with an early hit...

CONCERTS

JOHNNY DYANI MEMORIAL: Chris McGregor, Louis Moholo and Dudu Pukwana pay tribute to the recently deceased Dyani, who played bass with the band that brought these remarkable South African musicians to Europe more than 20 years ago...

CONCERTS

WOMAN IN MIND: Powerful, poignant Ayckbourn drama with award-winning performance from Julia McKenzie as distraught wife. Vaudeville (01-836 9987)...

THEATRE OPENINGS

SPRING AWAKENING: Inner Circle Company in Tom Osborn's translation of the Frank Wedekind study of sexual repression in late 19th-century Germany...

CONCERTS

THE INFERNAL MACHINE: Last week of Simon Callow's adaptation of Cocteau's version of Oedipus; odd but intriguing.

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MOZART Haffner Symphony

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Handel's SAMSON
Conductor ROGER NORRINGTON

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Wednesday 10 December at 7.45 pm
Choir and Orchestra of THE ENGLISH CONCERT

St. Paul's Cathedral

Advent Carol Service
1830 Sunday 30th November.

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MERCHANT TAYLORS' HALL
30 THE ADELPHI

St Anne & St Agnes

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE PRESIDENT AT BAY

President Reagan's famous luck has not altogether deserted him. Not only did the discovery of the Contra connection emerge almost on the eve of the Thanksgiving holiday which imposed some restraint upon media criticism...

that of Secretary of State in a few months, a major consideration should be that the new man can work together with a minimum of friction.

But such an outcome could be achieved again by, for example, placing Mr Caspar Weinberger at the State Department and Mr John Lehmann, now the Navy Secretary, at the head of the NSC.

Mr Reagan, by such steps, might begin to regain public support and revive his Presidency. That perhaps looks unlikely in the immediate aftermath of the Contra revelations.

The Democrats are only too aware that Mr Reagan can call upon a large fund of goodwill as the President who has restored the self-confidence of his country.

It may be that, for all these reasons, Mr Reagan will recover sufficiently to conduct foreign policy in the two years left to him.

Implications of Barclays pull-out

From Lord Campbell of Eskan Sir, As one whose great-grandfather, R. L. E. Evans, was the first chairman of Barclays Bank, I am delighted to hear that they have cut and run from South Africa...

As soon as I became managing director of Booker McConnell, we sold our South African interests. This was because the majority of the board were not prepared to pursue employment policies and practices in South Africa...

These were established during the years when Barclays was the major shareholder of the South African bank and have been maintained in the 15 months since we ceased to be.

Secrets actions beyond compare

From Lord Scarman Sir, The Peter Wright affair has led some (not you, Sir) to make a comment contrasting English and Australian judicial attitudes towards the Executive which is unjust to the English judges concerned and based on a false premise.

The suggestion, which is put in different ways, amounts to this: that the judges in the English action have shown an accommodating attitude towards the demands of the Executive in contrast with the sturdy independence of Mr Justice Powell in Australia.

A fair comparison would be between the stages of interim relief in the two actions. The English judges (subject to appeal to the House of Lords) have granted the Government an interim injunction; but so, I understand, did the Australian court at that stage of the Australian action.

Let us not pass judgment on the judges concerned in England or Australia until we know the outcome and have observed the trial process in each jurisdiction.

No hands on deck From Captain R. G. Sharpe, RN Sir, The shipwreck of the Kowloon Bridge has in part been "assisted" by the ever-ready and sometimes over zealous rescue services.

I was involved in the North Sea in 1981 in a similar incident on a smaller scale (the Mayday distress call came from a fishing boat) and when daylight came the rescued skipper and his engineer were quietly put back on board.

In that incident we had the sailors' advantage of being able to stay in the vicinity of the "wreck" and monitor its movements from the comparative comfort of a long thin destroyer; and the helicopter was, of course, instantly available on the flight deck.

Zambian posting From Miss Waljje Gondwe Sir, I read with interest your report in yesterday's Times concerning a decision by the Foreign Office last April to withdraw Mrs Sue Darling-Rogerson's proposed posting to Lusaka because Zambia was a "male-dominated society."

An atom of truth From Mr Peter Gray Lucas Sir, It was good to read Professor Seaton's challenge (November 22) to the church dignitary (article, November 15) who draws metaphysical conclusions from quantum theory...

Cast down by cast-off? From Mrs Jenny Crossley Sir, I see from your article on Christmas shopping (November 25) that I risk my daughter's resentment unless I spend £59.99 on her presents this year.

Cover-up done under From Mr H. McG. Dunnett Sir, After years of clean-shaven faces, occasionally embellished with a moustache, this must be the first Test Match series when the captains of England and Australia both wear beards.

MR KINNOCK'S EDUCATIONAL VISIT

The Washington atmosphere into which Neil Kinnock arrives today is very different from the one expected when his visit was originally planned.

The visit marks the beginning of a campaign, which the Labour Party hopes will provide the British electorate with a rational case for the unilateral renunciation of nuclear weapons.

Mr Kinnock's policies are in substantial respects the same as those advocated by his predecessor. But the unity of the party and the presentation of its policies are, at the moment at least, in much better shape.

Fourth leader A group of scientists at the University of Louisville have discovered a substance which they claim lengthens the life of a mosquito by 50 per cent.

The frontiers of science must, we know, be constantly pushed out. We cannot stop the march of progress, man's inquiring mind must be free to roam at will, no one can say what undiscovered trifles are waiting to be snapped up.

Which is good news for the mosquitoes; but we cannot help feeling that the scientists have very seriously misunderstood their instructions. What most of us have long been seeking is a substance that will reduce the life-span of a mosquito, preferably by 100 per cent.

mains that nuclear deterrence may have kept the peace in Europe for over forty years, but that there is no guarantee it will continue to do so.

The time has come, Mr Kinnock will say, for a radical departure in Britain's defence policy. By abolishing our independent deterrent, removing American nuclear weapons and increasing spending on conventional forces in Nato, Labour sees Britain pointing the way to a defence policy which will eventually be embraced by all our West European Nato allies.

This is a radical alteration of British defence policy, proceeding on the basis of evidence that is at best implausible and at worst catastrophically dangerous. But it would be unwise to assume that for these reasons alone it will lose Labour the election.

Evil that men do From Professor Cornelius O'Leary Sir, I entirely agree with Bernard Levin's reference (November 24) to the "peculiar and unique horror" of the Cambodian experience under the Khmer Rouge regime.

Bitter-sweet memory From Lieutenant-Colonel D. A. Rowan-Hamilton Sir, Please tell Mrs Weston-Davies (November 21) that her bottle of Angostura is seven years younger than my bottle of orange bitters.

From Mrs Jenny Crossley Sir, I see from your article on Christmas shopping (November 25) that I risk my daughter's resentment unless I spend £59.99 on her presents this year.

Influential figures in both the Republican and Democrat parties have retorted that Labour's action would lead to a new wave of isolationism in America and precipitate the dissolution of Nato.

Even if the reaction does not soften, Mr Kinnock believes that a future Labour Government could call the American bluff on the assumption that the US would be loathe to lose those non-nuclear British bases which play so vital a role in America's global security.

These are high-risk games for the highest stakes. It is to be hoped that Mr Kinnock will listen to his hosts as well as to his advisers on this trip, that he will learn as well as lecture, and thus use the cover of Washington's domestic preoccupations to real advantage.

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ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 29 1920

This parliamentary portrait by Herbert Sidebottom (1872-1946), a distinguished political journalist much sought after by the national papers, appeared during Lloyd George's last coalition government.

FRONT BENCH FIGURES.

3 - THE CECILIANS. FIGHTING A LOSING BATTLE.

(By a Student of Politics.) Mr Balfour, now floridly benign, a rich oratorical voice issuing forth from the obscure recesses of the Coalition; Lord Robert Cecil, a Hamlet in politics, noble of sentiment and frail of purpose; Lord Hugh, Mercutio in a cowl, intellectually athletic on a diet of dilemmas; Mr Ormsby-Gore, still looking like an Eton boy, full of gentleness and good sense; as First, Second, and Third Government, the trenchant Lord Winterton, Mr Walter Guinness the frank, and Mr Edward Wood the earnest, not forgetting Lord Wolmer, though one seldom sees him, and, of course, the Marquess of Salisbury, carrying but hardly wielding the sword of his great name.

For twenty years before the war there was hardly an enthusiasm in politics that did not find its enemies in the Cecil, Irish Home Rule, Tariff Reform, Imperial Federation, nearly every suggestion for organic change was withheld either under their sympathy and their opposition; every passion and every hope in politics owes them a grudge, none the less deep because their criticism has often been wise and justified by the event.

From Mr Balfour nothing is to be hoped. He does not seriously believe in politics as an instrument of human progress; and they are merely the art of neutralising forces and engaging them in an equilibrium that is more or less stable, so that the really serious activities of the world may not be interfered with. What these are, he is not clear. For Mr Balfour they are the critical enjoyment of the intellectual play of human life, with himself in a comfortable box; for others, the making of money; he himself has said that what he most desires to human happiness is science, thinking that, perhaps, because he knows so little about it. Office he loves, not for the sake of exercising power, but for the feeling that it gives him that he could exercise power if he chose to do so.

The only hope is in Lord Robert Cecil; Lord Hugh is the ablest man, but with him politics at best are only the clamp of ordered society, and the springs which move its elaborate mechanism are to be found in religion alone. The age is not really religious, but the semi-political forms of Lord Hugh's religion do not attract it, and for all the brilliancy of his intellect he is disqualified for leadership. Lord Robert Cecil is in better case, and less than a year ago he seemed marked out to be the real leader of the Opposition. He has dignity and a personality; he speaks well enough always, and when he is moved, with eloquence; he has character and the broad humanity of his class, something of Mr Balfour's dialectical skill combined with greater facility of ideas and more industry. The House thought much of him, and from the Labour benches in particular he always had an attentive and sympathetic hearing.

These hopes that were formed of Lord Robert have not been realised, and the reason is that he cannot fight. Something always gets in the way... He suffers from the fatal defect in rough-and-tumble politics of always seeing the strength of the argument against him, and he can no more stand up to the Prime Minister in a controversy than he could box with a dinosaur.

But if the Cecilians have still to learn the work of opposition, they have shown that they can strike fire and conceive a genuine enthusiasm. Mr Balfour's Zionism is something Lord Robert Cecil's advocacy of the League of Nations and his pity for the plight of Eastern Europe have had power and sincerity and his humanity moves one. The younger men, too, have done well on Ireland, and shown that if they cannot as yet execute they can conceive a problem in a big-hearted and generous way. These are promising signs, and there are still the makings of a new party, not big perhaps, but influential and distinguished.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 28: His Excellency Mr Olafur Egilsson was received in audience by the Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Iceland to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mr Sveinur Björnsson (Minister-Counselor) and Mr Stefan Gunnlaugsson (Commercial Counselor).

The Duke of Edinburgh visited the Joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre at Huntingdon today. Major Rowan Jackson, RM was in attendance.

The Duke of York, President of the Royal Aero Club, accompanied by The Duchess of York, this evening presented the Dawn to Dusk Awards at the Royal Aeronautical Society (President Dr J.W. Fozard).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Corps of Signals, this morning attended part of the Corps Committee Meeting, and afterwards was entertained at luncheon, at Regimental Headquarters, Regent Street, SW1.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Master of Signals (Major-General J.M.W. Badcock) at the Reynolds Building, St Dunstan's Road, W6.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Mayor of Hammersmith and Fulham (Councillor Mrs Joan Caruana) and the Vice-Chancellor of the University (The Lord Flowers).

Afterwards, The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips visited the Institute of Dental Surgery (Dentist Professor G. Winter) at Eastman Dental Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, WC1, where Her Royal Highness was received by the Principal of the University (Mr P. Howell).

David Goodacre Unemployment as a challenge

Not long ago a Consett steelman, addressing the TUC said: "When I finish I will go the same way as all other out-of-work steel workers: I will do nothing till I die".

Every society requires its chores to be done, and there does seem to be something inherently enriching in the dutiful doing of such tasks, whether such activity earns money or not.

Two further essentials are the opportunity to meet others and to be valued as a person. Both are vital spiritual values that require the nourishment of companionship, and for true person living, some placing of supreme value on transcendent reality; at best, prayer. These correspond to the liturgical prayer.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.J. Wolfe Murray and Miss M.Z. Zarah The engagement is announced between Rory, son of Mr James Wolfe Murray and the Hon Mrs Diana Wolfe Murray, of 12 Cambridge Road, Wimbledon, Surrey, and Janet, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Zarah and the late Dr Phillip Zarah, of Golden Hill, Chesham.

Mr D.C. Forster and Mrs R. Riblin The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs M.L. Forster, of Aughton, Lancashire, and Renee, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E.H. Smith, of Hunts Cross, Liverpool.

English-Speaking Union

Sir Peter Marshall, Commonwealth Deputy Secretary-General, Mr Merlyn Rees, MP, Dr Paul Rogers, School of Peace Studies, Bradford University, and Dr J. Williams, Director General of the English-Speaking Union, were the speakers in a sixth form conference, "We Can't Take Peace for Granted", organised by the English-Speaking Union at King Edward's School, Birmingham, yesterday.

Mr L. Airey and Miss J. Bazley The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Airey, of Tighbrunich, Argyllshire, formerly of Reigate, Surrey, and Janet, daughter of Major and Mrs John Bazley, of Hamstead, London.

Mr J.P.B. Haworth and Miss A.C.C. Pope The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs John Haworth, of Deal, Kent, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Pope, of Bath, Avon.

Latest wills

Mr Sidney John Telling, of Staines, London, left estate valued at £1,915,312 net. He left his estate to relatives. Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Frederick Willers, Baron of Brookfield, Norfolk, a Queen's Messenger for 37 years, left estate valued £379,269 net.

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr John Wheeler, MP, to be Chairman of the Parliamentary All-Party Penal Affairs Group. Mr Brian Waters to be a member of the Honorary Committee of the Bunting Levy Appeal Tribunal.

University news

Oxford Elections Sir James Ralph Darling, formerly Headmaster of Geology Grammar School, Australia, has been elected to an honorary fellowship of Oriel College.

Reception

Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts The ninth annual ABA Awards and Industry Year Award to business sponsors of the arts at a reception at the Savoy Hotel held on November 27, given by Lord Goodman.

Luncheon

Conservative Foreign and Commonwealth Office The Brazilian Ambassador was the guest of honour at a luncheon given yesterday by the Latin American Group of the Conservative Party and the Conservative Council of the House of Commons, sponsored by Mr Richard Ryder, MP, chairman of the council, Mr H. Eccles-Williams, chairman of the group, presided.

Service dinners

Not Under Command Club Commander K.N. Symons, Chairman of the Not Under Command Club, presided at a luncheon of officers of the 6th Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry held yesterday at the Basil Street Hotel.

OBITUARY SIR IVAN MAGILL

Pioneering work in anaesthesia

Sir Ivan Magill, KCVO, FRCS, whose reputation as an anaesthetist was universal, died on November 25. He was 98.

When the First World War began, he was soon commissioned captain in the RAMC. In 1915 he served with the Irish Guards at the Battle of Loos. After the war he was posted to Barnet War Hospital, and in 1919 went to Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, a 600-bed hospital for soldiers wounded in the First World War.

His immense clinical skill and force of personality made him an ambassador for British anaesthesia, and eminent surgeons throughout the world sought his advice.

He gave much service to the British Royal Family, as well as to overseas royalty and presidential patients. When he was awarded the KCVO by the present Queen in 1960, he was only the third anaesthetist to be knighted.

He also developed a small portable anaesthetic machine, since in those days much of anaesthesia was manual, and he introduced bobbin flow meters in 1928.

He developed the "Magill attachment" whereby the tension of anaesthetic gases in a reservoir bag was balanced by the tension of a light spring on the expiratory bag. This insufflation anaesthesia was abandoned in favour of to-and-fro breathing.

MR GABRIEL FIELDING

Mr Gabriel Fielding, novelist and poet, died on November 27. He was 70. Alan Gabriel Barnsley Fielding was born on March 25, 1916, the son of a sporting parent and a housewife, and of a family of seven. His mother, whose name he took, was a descendant of Henry Fielding.

His upbringing does a little to explain the nightmarish intensity of his writing. His mother was both a scourge and stimulus in his childhood, assuming an air of scriptural righteousness. Fielding's subsequent revolt against the vicarage was total.

Though from his earliest years he wanted to write - his first published piece appeared in the Eastbourne Gazette when he was only 14 - his first career was in medicine. He received his early education at St Edward's School, Oxford. At his parents' instigation he then studied medicine, first at Trinity College, Dublin, and then at St George's Hospital, London.

In 1968 he suffered a nervous breakdown, and then turned to painting. It was not until 1979 that he completed another novel, Pretty Doll-Houses. Earlier this year he published his last, The Womans of Guinea Lane. In this, Dr Blaydon emerges, like his creator, as a pessimist about curing the human body.

TO BE SOLD TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC TOMORROW SUNDAY 10AM-5PM AT THE SELF FRIDGE HOTEL A VAST COLLECTION OF FURS LEATHERS AND SHEEPSKINS DIRECT FROM Britain's Largest Furrier MANY ITEMS LESS THAN HALF NORMAL RETAIL PRICE

Reception Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts... Luncheon Conservative Foreign and Commonwealth Office... Service luncheon Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry... Service dinners Not Under Command Club... Dinners Lord Edmund Davies... Dinner The Cornmarket Club Reunion... Dinner St Godric's College

MR GABRIEL FIELDING bought just 100 copies when it appeared two years earlier. The book is a tour de force in which Fielding writes of the traumas of a Jewish Catholic family living under the Third Reich, showing a perception remarkable in a non-German. It is a novel of frightening intensity in which Fielding spares the reader no detail.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM

BIRTHS: On November 26th, to the wife of Mr. Stanley Fish and Mrs. Susan Fish, a son, Stanley. On November 26th, to the wife of Mr. Stanley Fish and Mrs. Susan Fish, a son, Stanley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SERVICES

SERVICES: AGENCY: The team with the best experience World-wide. ACHIEVEMENTS: DEPT T, NORTHGATE CANTERBURY.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: YOU'LL BE FLOORED BY OUR PRICES AT RESISTA CARPETS. WILKINSON & WILKINSON.

RENTALS

RENTALS: LANDLORDS/OWNERS if you have a quality property to rent, we offer a professional & reliable service. SOUTH KENSINGTON, 2 bed fully furnished house.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICES: IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION. NOTICE is HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 17th November 1986 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the Administrator's Account of the estate of the late Mrs. MARY ANN BRUCE.

DEATHS

DEATHS: On Wednesday 26th November 1986, at the home of the deceased, Mrs. Mary Ann Bruce, aged 82 years, died peacefully surrounded by her family.

Cancer

Cancer: Together we can beat it. We fund over one third of all research into the prevention and cure of cancer in the UK. Help us by sending a donation or make a legacy to Cancer Research Campaign.

BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS: ELIZABETH CHRISTOPHER is 51 today. HAPPY 21st birthday Vicki and Sandra. BIRTHDAY 18th birthday for today, Sandra.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: EAST END CHURCH in great need of a good quality piano. WANTED: WANTED Large flat with two bedrooms, central heating, close to transport.

RENTALS

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Services tomorrow

Services tomorrow: CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL 9.30 AM. ST. MARTIN'S IN THE FIELDS 10.30 AM. ST. MARY'S ABBEY 11.00 AM. ST. JOHN'S ABBEY 11.30 AM. ST. ANDREW'S ABBEY 11.45 AM.

THEATRES

THEATRES: BONDUR 8.30, 10.30, 12.30. COMEDY OF THE YEAR. THE HIT MUSICAL. LA CAGE AUX FOLLES. THE BEST COMEDY AWARDS FOR 1985 NOW BOOKING UNTIL APRIL '87.

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ART GALLERIES

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CINEMAS

CINEMAS: BARBERS 8.15, 10.15, 12.15. GUILDHALL 8.15, 10.15, 12.15. NATIONAL THEATRE 8.15, 10.15, 12.15.

The model choirboys who never stop singing



An angelic chorus of mechanical waifs sing carols to passers-by from the windows of Simpson's department store in Piccadilly. The automatons move their heads and hymn books in time to a selection of traditional Christmas carols. Mrs. Lisa O'Nions and her son, Daniel, aged 4, from Camberwell, were enthralled by the non-stop choristers.

Fares rise above inflation

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Rail fares are to increase by up to 10 per cent in January. Although the average rise will be 5 per cent, the lowest British Rail fare increase for four years, it is still substantially above the rate of inflation - currently 3 per cent. The increase, which will take effect on January 11, will bring British Rail £58 million extra revenue in a full year. The British Railways Board said yesterday that, since 1980, average rail fares had risen by less than inflation. The average cost of rail travel, per mile, had gone up by 43 per cent between 1980 and 1986. The cost of running a private car, the railway's biggest competitor, had risen by 51 per cent. The need to raise prices this year, by more than the rate of inflation, is undoubtedly a

reflection of pressure to meet financial targets set by the Government. The subsidy in the current financial year was set last month at £712 m, 25 per cent below the level of the 1983 subsidy, in real terms, with a further reduction of nearly 25 per cent to be achieved in the following three years. For travellers on Network SouthEast, the average increase will be 4.9 per cent, though the cost of season tickets will go up by an average of 5.8 per cent. On InterCity services, which after next year are expected to operate without subsidy, many economy tickets will be held at present rates, but increases of up to 10 per cent will be applied to some long-distance season tickets.

On provincial services the average increase will be around 6 per cent, but British Rail says most fares will rise by only 4.5 per cent, though there will be some increases of up to 10 per cent to reflect current market rates, or where the quality of the service has been improved by the introduction of new rolling stock. Some examples of fare increases are: London to Birmingham: 2nd class single fare up from £15 to £15.70. London to York: 2nd class single fare up from £25.50 to £26.50. London to Brighton: 2nd class cheap day return up by 20p to £7.40; 7-day season ticket, up by £1.80 to £32.60; annual season ticket up from £1,232 to £1,304.

CIA arms role investigated

Continued from page 1

accept Iranian payment for American arms. Sources said Mr Casey was one of the handful of officials who during the past year regularly received copies of top secret communications intercepts that reportedly provided the clues last week that allowed the Justice Department to unravel what had happened. Admiral John Poindexter, the National Security Adviser who resigned on Tuesday, has said privately that Mr Casey was "heavily involved". Mr Casey has been one of the Contras' strongest backers in the Reagan Administration. Official sources said the CIA has intensely followed the progress of the rebels. The possible involvement of Vice-President George Bush is coming under increasing scrutiny. An Oregon bus-

nessman said he informed Mr Bush of reports he had heard early this year that the Department of Defence was planning to buy weapons for the Contras with profits from Iran arms sales. Mr Richard Brenneke said Mr Bush replied: "We will look into it." His assertion would contradict assurances by Mr Edwin Meese, the Attorney-General, that no senior Administration figure knew about the Contra connection. His statements were made after a court case had forced the Government to release memoranda he had written to various Government officials between November 30 1985 and February 25 this year. Defence lawyers in an Iran arms sale case being tried in New York successfully forced the release of the documents to bolster their contention that

the Administration was sending arms to Iran. Colonel North is receiving strong support from leading conservatives here who have been angered at his dismissal and say he was essential in the operation to support the Contras. Many conservative activists said Mr North was "the fall guy" and they fear that the Administration will now back away from its involvement with the Contras. Colonel North was pictured in all the newspapers here yesterday leaving the White House entrance after being refused entry. A spokesman said he had been placed on the list of those barred. Colonel North has refused to answer reporters' questions about the reported shredding of documents and said he would make a full explanation "in the appropriate forum".

Letter from Peking

Confucius revived in modern China

At the end of a mile-long gravel avenue lined with 800-year-old juniper trees looms the Kong Lin, China's great Confucian cemetery. More of a rambling overgrown park than a burial ground, the area contains hundreds of tombs of the great sage's descendants and many more stelae bearing his words of wisdom. Inside the Kong Lin, just past the temple of offerings, lies the tomb of Kong Fuzi, a grassy mound 15 ft high and 24 ft wide. A stele erected in 1443 bears the inscription: "Tomb of the Prince Wen Xuan, very accomplished and very holy." Born in Qufu in 551 BC and buried in his hometown 72 years later, Confucius lived in a divided China. His cemetery is located on the ruins of the capital of the state of Lu, of which he was a citizen and which was one of several Chinese "warring states" of that age. In an effort to create order out of the chaos of his time, Confucius compiled standards of conduct by which private men and great rulers should, he thought, govern themselves. He also searched, in vain, for a prince who could put his teachings into practice. Though Confucius never organized his precepts into books, others did, and they became the cultural basis of China. From the Han Dynasty (roughly 150 BC) to the end of the Qing Dynasty in 1911, succeeding rulers used his Analects as the basis of higher learning. The great grandson, Mao Tse-tung, expressed grudging admiration for the sage, but opposed Confucianism as a relic of China's feudal past. After taking power in 1949 the Chinese Communists sought to suppress Confucianism and many temples were closed. The high tide of anti-Confucianism came during the cultural revolution (1967-1976), when Red guards descended on Qufu and destroyed as much as they could of the Confucian past. Of Confucius and his teachings Mr Zhang Chunqiao, then

China's Deputy Prime Minister and a member of the Gang of Four, said in 1975: "Rubbish such as his never vanishes of itself where the broom of the proletariat does not reach." Today, however, 2,537 years after his birth, Kong Fuzi is making a comeback in China, and instead Mr Zhang has been swept aside. Like the emperors of old, Mr Deng Xiaoping and his supporters have found in Confucianism the same respect for education, intellectual achievement and authority that they want to instil in modern China. Since the late 1970s Peking has spent more than £67,000 rebuilding Qufu's temples, pavilions and stelae. Theoretical journals have re-examined Confucian thought, private Confucian societies have sprung up across the country, and a government-run Confucian Foundation of China was set up in 1984. Moreover, at a time when Peking is attempting to woo Taiwan back to the mainland, and to induce overseas Chinese to lend their money and professional expertise to rebuild China, the revival of Confucianism and traditional Chinese values is being used to promote the mainland as the home of all Chinese. "We have begun with government funds," said Mr Gao Jinghong, the rather bland director of the Qufu office of the Confucian Foundation of China, "but we would like to reach the point where we are sustained by contributions from overseas Chinese." Mr Gao's bureaucratic boredom (postings are assigned in China) was more than offset by the enthusiasm of a self-appointed tour guide who told a group of 50 middle-aged editors: "We are all descended from Confucius... and everyone should have a basic understanding of Confucianism." Dr Wang then told one of the sage's followers who had camped by his mound for six years mourning his death and studying his sayings.

Robert Grieves

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Solution to Puzzle No 17,215 and Solution to Puzzle No 17,210. Includes crossword puzzle grids and answers.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,216. A prize of The Times Atlas of World History will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday.

Winners of last Saturday's competition are: Mr P.A. Rawstone, 140 Ware Road, Hertford, Herts; Miss G Parker, 16 Alexandra Court, Barnstaple, Devon; W.T. Shelton, 2 Penrose Close, Newbury, Berks.

ACROSS and DOWN crossword puzzle clues and answers.

Concise Crossword page 17. Includes crossword puzzle grid and clues.

Today's events

Royal engagements: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, attends a service of dedication of the new ring of bells, Peterborough Cathedral, 0.55. New exhibitions: 35 Artists: Printmaking: Museum & Art Gallery, Princesgate, Peterborough; Tues to Sat 12 to 5 (ends Jan 3). Craftsman's for Christmas: Brewery Court, Cirencester; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30 (ends Dec 27).

Tomorrow's events

Royal engagements: Princess Alexandra attends 'A Tribute to Peter Peers 1910-1986', in aid of the Aldersburgh Foundation Appeal, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, 6.50. Last chance to see: The Police in Portsmouth 1836-1986; Southsea Castle, Castle Esplanade, Portsmouth, 10.30 to 5.30.

Anniversaries

TODAY: Birth: Christian Doppler, physicist, Salzburg, 1803; Louisa May Alcott, author of Little Women, Germantown, Pennsylvania, 1832; Eugène Ionesco, novelist, Hautoefort, 1836; Gertrude Jekyll, landscape architect, London, 1843; Sir Ambrose Fleming, scientist, Lancaster, 1849. Deaths: Thomas Wolsley, lord chancellor 1515-29, Leicester, 1530; Prince Rupert, Royalist commander in the Civil War, London, 1682; Giacomo Puccini, composer, 1858; Graham Hill, world champion racing driver of 1962, 1968, near Elstree, 1975.

Roads

The Midlands: M1: Contrailow has been removed from junction 29 (Mansfield) but lane restrictions remain. M5: Long term roadworks continue between junctions 4 and 5 (Stratford-upon-Avon). A58: Bypass construction work continues at Bourton; delays particularly at peak times.

Portfolio Gold

For readers who may have missed a copy of The Times this week, we repeat below the week's Portfolio price changes (today's are on page 25).

Table with 10 columns: Day, Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon. Shows price changes for various assets.

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WEATHER

A weak warm front will be slow moving over N areas. A ridge of high pressure will persist over the S. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mainly cloudy with rain or drizzle at times, especially in exposed W areas.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY: London 4:27 pm to 7:12 am. Bristol 4:37 pm to 7:22 am. Edinburgh 4:16 pm to 7:47 am.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun. Belfast 8.30, Glasgow 8.40, London 8.40, Manchester 8.40, Newcastle 8.40, Norwich 8.40, Oxford 8.40, Plymouth 8.40, Southampton 8.40, Swansea 8.40, Cardiff 8.40.

LONDON

Yesterday: High: 11.2, Low: 6.0, Rain: 24.8 mm. Forecast: High: 11.5, Low: 6.5, Rain: 25.5 mm.

AROUND BRITAIN

Table with 2 columns: Location, Sun in, Max F, Cloud. Lists weather conditions for various UK locations.

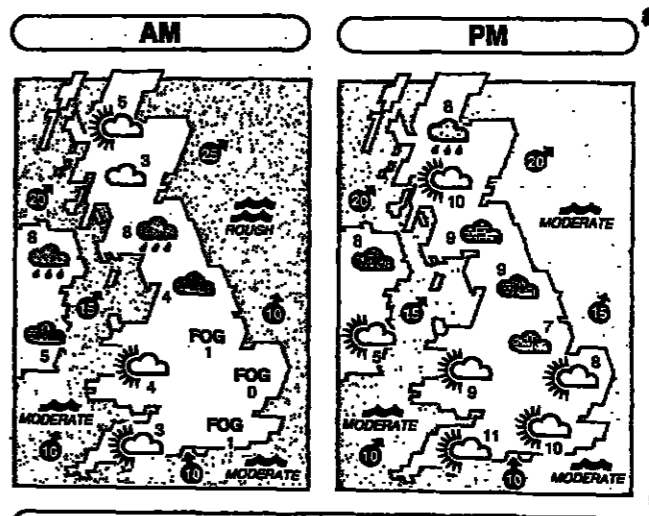


Table with 4 columns: Location, AM, HT, PM, HT. Shows tide times for various locations.

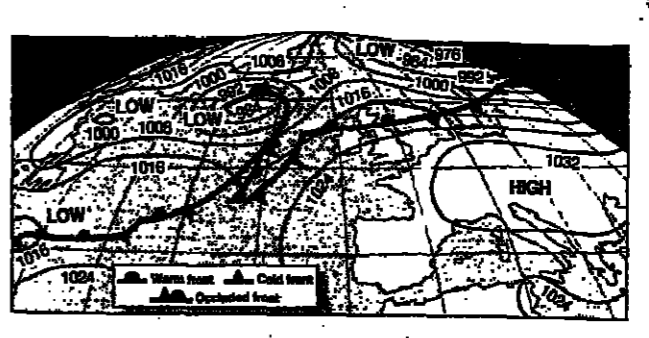


Table with 4 columns: Location, C, F, M, J. Shows weather forecasts for various international locations.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET FT 30 Share 1292.2 (+8.2) FT-SE 100 1636.7 (+4.2) Bergains 26675 (28696) USM (Datastream) 129.05 (-0.14) THE POUND US Dollar 1.4355 (+0.0060) W German mark 2.6308 (-0.0125) Trade-weighted 68.1 (same)

ICH to pay £14m for Fulton

ICH, the international money broker, said yesterday that it is to buy Charles Fulton Asia, the money-brokerage operation in the Far East, for HK\$155 million (£14 million). The purchase will virtually complete the reconstruction of the old Charles Fulton group, which was broken up four years ago.

Ferranti up Pretax profits at Ferranti, the defence goods, computer and electronics group, grew from £18.9 million to £21.9 million in the six months to September 30 as turnover increased from £279.1 million to £297.8 million. The interim dividend was raised from 0.55p to 0.6p.

Cider profit Merrydown Wine, the cider company, yesterday announced half-year pretax profits of £615,697 (£601,542) on turnover of £5 million (£3.9 million). The company is maintaining the interim dividend at 1p.

Giltrap offer Directors of Frank G Gates say they are consulting independent financial advisers about the unsolicited takeover offer by Giltrap Holdings. The directors, their families and their trusts hold more than half the shares.

Lists still open The Stock Exchange is still accepting applications from member companies to register as market-makers for the forthcoming £5.6 billion privatization of British Gas. An Exchange official said that the lists would be kept open until next Friday. So far 14 companies have registered.

BET placing BET has completed a Euroequity placing of 3.5 million shares at 42p each, so reducing borrowing by £15 million. The shares were part of a 5.9 million block held by an associate company, Iccalm.

Wico chief Mr Patrice Migon, head of strategy and planning at Banque Indosuez, has been made chief executive of Wico, the stockbroking arm of Exco International.

Maxwell and T&N raise stakes Bid battle for AE hots up

Mr Robert Maxwell's Hollis group yesterday significantly improved its chances of victory in the long-running battle for control of AE, the engineering group, with a share buying spree which took its stake to just over 20 per cent.

One of T&N's leading advisers predicted: "We are now holding just under 42 per cent with another week to go in this battle. We are confident we shall squeak home."

In its formal offer document being posted to shareholders this weekend, Hollis said that the T&N terms would produce substantial dilution of T&N's earnings and that T&N shares represented a questionable investment.

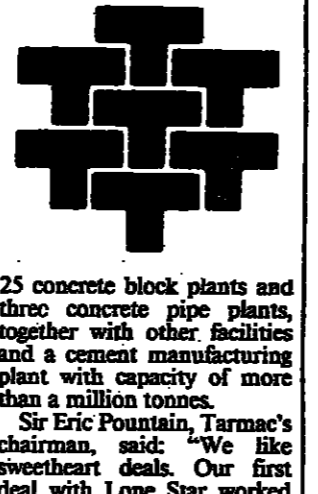
The rival bidder, Turner & Newall, announced that it had picked up another 1.5 million AE shares, bringing acceptances of its offer to just over 11 per cent. With the near 30 per cent stake which T&N retained from the first attempt to acquire AE, it speaks for more than 40 per cent of the group.

Earlier this week Mr Maxwell raised the value of his cash alternative for AE to 28p a share after spending a hectic few days canvassing support from among 30 leading City institutions. He said he needed to get "substantial" pledges of support, but he has not revealed exactly what sort of agreement he was seeking.

Hollis also drew attention to the "exposure" of T&N to continuing asbestos claims, and it pointed out that the group repeatedly refused to quantify them or state just how much insurance cover was available.

£263m US deal for Tarmac

Tarmac, the construction and building materials group, is making its largest acquisition so far with the planned takeover of Lone Star Industries, an American quarries and aggregates business.



The deal is Tarmac's second with Lone Star. Two years ago it paid \$68 million for a clutch of quarry operations.

The latest acquisition - following the £15 million of the Mersey Sand and Rock company of California this week - dramatically increases Tarmac's US operations.

The arrangement gives Tarmac, which will move into the driving seat straightaway, the right to mop up the remaining 40 per cent on or after January 1, 1990.

The Bill provides for a new statutory Board of Banking Supervision - already functioning on a non-statutory basis - to advise the Bank. The majority of its members are independent of the Bank.

China Clays estimates record profit for Bryant

In its offer document for Bryant Holdings, the housebuilder, published yesterday, English China Clays estimates a 20 per cent increase in pretax profits to a record £90 million for the year to September 1986.

Commenting on last year's performance, Sir Alan Dalton, chairman of China Clays, said all leading parts of the business had performed well. The steps taken to restructure the group had, he believed, made the group stronger.

The document focuses on the superior performance of English China Clays' housebuilding division compared to that of Bryant, and the way in which the two businesses would complement each other.

Tell Jacques: buy St Gobain

St Gobain, the French glass and materials group, hopes to attract up to 300,000 shareholders, possibly including some in Britain, in its privatization issue launched this week by the French government.

Up to 20 per cent of the issue may go to overseas holders, principally in other European countries, and the group hopes for a London quotation next year.

With advice from Kleinwort Benson, veteran of the British Telecom sale and British manager for this issue, small investors are being offered special incentives, including priority application for up to ten shares (worth £330) and a one-for-ten bonus for those who retain their holdings for 18 months.



OFT 'lacking in power'

The Office of Fair Trading should have more power to investigate restrictive practices such as price-fixing cartels, Sir Gordon Borrie, the OFT's director-general, said yesterday.

Sir Gordon told a Confederation of British Industry conference a "radical reappraisal" of the 30-year-old restrictive practices legislation was necessary in the Government's coming review of competition policy.

French in Telecom 'errors'

Mr Geoffrey Pattie, the Minister of Information Technology, yesterday identified Societe Generale Merchant Bank a French state-owned banking group, as the institution which surrendered voluntarily 72,800 shares in British Telecommunications because of "errors" made when applications were submitted during the flotation.

LHW application still undecided

The application by LHW Futures, the controversial futures broker, for membership of the Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers, the regulatory body for commodity and futures dealers, is still undecided.

'Unfair' criticism of screen dealing

Criticism of the Seag electronic market system which has run into more trouble this week, was countered yesterday by Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange.

Dollar dives against mark

The dollar fell yesterday, touching DM1.97, its lowest point against the mark since the early 1980s. The pound rose by 60 points to \$1.4355 but lost ground against other currencies.

Mr Hayter, also speaking at a Stock Exchange conference for industry in the City, said: "I think most people have now recognized that the proof of the pudding is in the eating and the market has moved very quickly indeed to develop the opportunities of the screen based system."

It arose from a combination of tax payments, a maturing of earlier Bank of England assistance to the markets and large end-of-week withdrawals from banks by the public.

Mr Hayter said that Seag had been set up after a study of the Nasdaq computerized over-the-counter market in the United States.

The Bank of England announced that it was making £400 million of government stock available to the market. The funding was in the form of taplets comprising £200 million of 10 1/2 per cent Treasury Convertible 1992, £100 million of 9 per cent Conversion 2000, and £100 million of 8 1/2 per cent Treasury 2007.

MARKET SUMMARY STOCK MARKETS New York Dow Jones 1912.96 (-3.80) Tokyo Nikkei Dow 18063.02 (+199.36) Hang Seng 2418.75 (+44.42) Amsterdam Gen 264.0 (-0.2) London: FT 1379.4 (+8.5) Frankfurt 2071.2 (-1.1) Brussels 3622.61 (+0.89) Paris: CAC 304.9 (+0.5) Zurich: S&K Gen 560.20 (+2.6) London: FT A 61.76 (-0.23) FT. GBLS 27 Share Prices 29 Closing prices Page 29

MAIN PRICE CHANGES RUSSELS Grand Met. 473p (+18p) Nash Industries 120p (+42p) Ben Bailey 40p (+11p) Holland Ind 508p (+18p) Persimmon 250p (+15p) Stothert & Pitt 62p (+12p) Ipsco Holdings 39p (+10p) Vaux 508p (+22p) Dalgety 277p (+11p) Argill Group 517p (+50p) Lawer 58p (+10p) Saatchi & Saatchi 679p (+21p) MEPC 358p (+49p) Goode Durrant 180p (+10p) United News 375p (+19p) Cintrprint 96p (+10p)

FALLS Oxford Inst. 422p (-5p) Oxford Inst. 398p (-25p) Yorkshire TV 180p (-11p) Sedgwick 328p (-12p) Prices are as at 4pm GOLD London: Price AM \$390.00 pm \$389.50 close \$395.00-399.50 (\$270.50-271.00) New York: Comex \$389.50-390.00

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WALL STREET

Setback for blue chips at start of trading

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street shares were mixed in quiet early trading yesterday. Blue chips, led by IBM, moved initially towards the Dow record of 1919.71 set on September 4, before falling. Other computer shares made moderate gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 3.94 to 1,912.82. Advancing issues led declining issues by a small margin, on a volume of 19 million shares.

IBM rose 3/4 to 126 3/4. Honeywell 1/4 to 72 and Cray 1/2 to 76 1/2. Chesbrough, the subject of a bid from American Brands, rose 1 1/2 to 63.

Sears Roebuck was up 1/4 to 43 1/4. Tiger International gained 1/4 to 6 1/4.

Table with columns for stock symbols (e.g., AMR, ASA, Allied Signal) and their corresponding prices and changes.

Europe may hand £300m tax-cut leeway to Lawson

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The Chancellor's scope for cutting income tax could be increased by £300 million if the European Commission succeeds in forcing Britain to put value-added tax on new commercial buildings before the Budget.

Oral pleadings before the European Court of Justice by the Commission and the British Government are due to begin shortly. The full case is not expected to be heard until March but if judgment is delivered before the Budget the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, could take the opportunity of complying.

In his 1985 Budget, Mr Lawson pledged that he would not extend the range of goods and services subject to VAT any further in the life of this Parliament. But he acknowledged that the Government



Nigel Lawson: timing of the judgment is important

challenging the zero-rating of new building other than housing "within a social policy." If, for instance, all non-commercial housing were subject to VAT that would raise an additional £575 million a year. But the Government contends

that all housing is for social purposes.

Ministers are determined to fight the case strongly. The last important EEC case to go against Britain was the action on discrimination between beer and wine. The Government complied with the court's ruling in the 1984 Budget by increasing the excise duty on beer by 2p a pint and reducing the duty on wine.

The Chancellor is expected to have some modest scope for cutting income tax even without any help from indirect taxes. Economic growth at an estimated 3 per cent will keep non-oil revenues buoyant and some of the additional £4.75 billion of public spending will come back to the Treasury as tax revenue on higher public sector pay.

Pressure on Japan to open markets

By Our Correspondent, Tokyo

The Japanese financial community in London was told yesterday by Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, that from next year, he would have the power to intervene if the present unequal access to the Japanese market for British companies continued.

His power will come with the new Financial Services Act which takes effect next year. He said the community would face legal retaliation unless British institutions were given equal opportunities in Japan.

Mr Channon acknowledged that progress was being made. Japan is awarding more licences to US and European financial companies to operate in the growing Tokyo money and securities market. "I have powers under the new law to intervene. I very much hope I do not have to do so," Mr Channon said after meetings with Japanese Government leaders.

He noted that while there were 57 Japanese securities companies in London, three Japanese members of the Stock Exchange, with 40 more eligible to join, there were only seven British securities dealers in Tokyo, 12 banks, and three Tokyo Stock Exchange seats held by British companies.

During his meetings, Mr Channon repeated EEC demands that Japan cut its taxes and halt its restrictive grading system for wine and whisky imports. An end to the grading system would be seen as a symbol of Japan's willingness to open its markets, he said.

Backsliders warned on training by MSC chief

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Industries which backslide on voluntary training were given a strong warning yesterday by Mr Bryan Nicholson, chairman of the Manpower Services Commission (MSC).

He hinted that some statutory industrial training boards could be revived, leading to reintroduction of levies on sector companies. Mr Nicholson, speaking at a Chemical Industries Association conference in Harrogate, made clear his concern about some industrial sectors - unlike that of chemicals with its strong training organization - making little effort over training workers.

The MSC has been watching training closely since 1981 when 16 of the 23 statutory industrial training boards were wound up.

There are now more than 100 non-statutory training organizations but their effectiveness has been variable. Mr Nicholson said: "Those industries which have made little effort to keep the grand promises they made when most of the industrial training boards were abolished should not be allowed to shirk for ever."

"I don't think it will be allowed to happen."

COMPANY NEWS

MATTHEW HALL: Interim dividend 1.75p (1.5). Figures in 2000 for nine months to September 30. Turnover 377,147 (294,864), pretax profit 12,597 (11,307), tax 4,728 (5,310), earnings per share 10.20p (8.75). Some transactions have yet to be completed which could affect the year's results. However, the board expects that pretax profit for the full year will be not less than £17.5 million. Negotiations are at an advanced stage for the acquisition of a fire engineering company in the United States.

CLONALDIN GROUP: The company has arranged the placing of 1,210,000 new ordinary shares (equal to 9.9 per cent of the shares in issue) at 48p to raise £5.2 million before costs. The placing is subject to shareholders' approval.

SAFELWAY STORES: Safeway UK Holdings' £100 million unsecured deep discount stepped interest loan stock 2011 has been guaranteed by Safeway Stores as part of the re-organization of the Safeway group being carried out pursuant to the leveraged buyout of Safeway Stores.

FRESHBAKE FOODS GROUP: Interim dividend 0.7p (0.6). Figures in 2000 for six months to September 27 (comparisons restated). Turnover 65,372 (55,217), pretax profit 2,212 (1,653), tax 730 (499), earnings per share 3.27p (2.59). The board says that the group is trading strongly in all areas of its business and that the directors view the future with confidence. The board expects to apply to be admitted to the official list in the near future.

VIEWPLAN: Interim dividend 0.43p (same). Figures for six months to September 30.

BRITISH LAND: Guinness Holdings Co has arranged a £30 million unsecured underwritten 10-year multi-currency cash advance and sterling commercial paper facility for the company.

BASSETT FOODS: Interim dividend 1.75p (1.75). Figures in 2000 for 28 weeks to October 10. Sales 41,219 (37,519), trading profit 2,328 (1,582), pretax profit 1,860 (1,055), tax 371 (353), earnings per share before extraordinary items 0.82p (0.57).

INVESTMENT AB BELIER: The plans for the company to sell its holding of Malmsten and Bergvall shares to Kebo will not be implemented.

CARR'S MILLING INDUSTRIES: The company has purchased Keytor, a Carlisle private company engaged in electronic, electrical and mechanical engineering design, manufacture and installation. The net value of the assets acquired is £443,000 and the consideration of £319,500 is wholly cash.

NORTH BRITISH STEEL GROUP HOLDINGS: No dividend. Figures in 2000 for year to September 27. Sales 13,288 (14,189), pretax profit 104 (63 loss), no tax (same), earnings per share 2p (1.2p loss). Figures in 2000 for year to October 31. Pretax revenue 8,594 (7,697), tax 2,905 (2,641), earnings per share 6.55p (5.81p). Net asset value after deducting prior charges at par value 483.1p (349p).

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FAMILY MONEY/2

A ride on the style road to profits

MOTORS

Frank Damian is a stylist. He gave up tartan trousers, wholemeal pasta and his pigtail a couple of years ago, when only the trendiest of the trendy realized they were on the way out. Since then he has acquired some of the more important designer accoutrements: permanent stubble, a 1950s civil service filing cabinet as a drinks cupboard and an old car with sleek lines.

What, you may ask, is so madly stylish about all that? Anyone with the money and the inclination to ape the fashion magazine models slavishly could do it. But Mr Damian's point about his smooth-styled 1½-ton Daimler V8 is that it does not work, and he doesn't care that it does not work.

It looks good, especially the walnut dashboard with its aeroplane panel of switches and dials. It even smells good, thanks to the quality of the leather upholstery. And the light activated by opening the glove compartment is a pleasing shade of police blue. Only when the glove-compartment light fails does Mr Damian say he will think of throwing away his driving gloves.

But perhaps the nearest point of style is that the car is actually worth more than the £500 it cost a year and a half ago. The Daimler 250 2½-litre saloon is a classic car (for insurance purposes anything

over 10 years old is a classic) and is one of a select minority which appreciates in value faster than it rusts.

According to a survey of classic car prices published in next month's *Classic Car* magazine this type of Daimler is worth £775, even if it is in "condition C." Cars in condition C need a full rebuild,



Beetle: future value £10,000?

although it is possible, as the survey points out, that the vehicles may still be in use.

Most cars on the road are in Condition B — roadworthy but scruffy to a greater or lesser degree. Condition A cars are free from faults. They have immaculate chrome, gleaming coachwork, and their owners do not tremble at the thought of the annual vehicle test.

As you might expect from the wide definition of a classic car you do not have to be spectacularly

rich to own one, although spare cash is essential for maintenance and spare time is required for the tender loving care which older cars need.

Interest in classic cars "spreads right across the social spectrum" according to Tony Dron, editor of *Classic Car* magazine. "At the lower end of the scale cars can cost a few hundred pounds, but at the top of the spectrum it is definitely a rich man's hobby. A Ferrari CTO can cost up to \$1 million."

Widespread interest from enthusiasts naturally keeps prices rising, but choosing a car as an investment is not easy. Mr Dron believes that the would-be collector-investor should go for the car in good condition rather than look for an inferior example and hope to do restoration work.

Yet returns for this type of investment vary immensely according to the type of car. Restoring a Morris Minor, for example, will possibly not increase the market value of the car sufficiently to cover the cost. Spending a fifth of a million on the right model of Ferrari, however, might well yield a profit.

Another tip is to join one of the collectors' clubs, especially if you are interested in an older model where spares and advice are in short supply. Difficulties can thus be avoided rather than negotiated. Most collectors' clubs will help with other running costs, such as insurance. Several insurance com-

panies offer special policies for classic cars.

The premiums are normally slightly lower if the driver can assure the company that mileage will be limited to a few thousand a year, and that the car will be garaged. If, however, one of these conditions is not met, it may be better to look for a normal policy.

If you are a car enthusiast your decision to buy will be based simply on the car you like the look and feel of best. Even if the car

Pricing a classic car requires a feel for the market

fails to appreciate in value as rapidly as you might wish, you should not be so disappointed. The alternative method of taking the profit from your investment is to drive and use your car, and enjoy doing so.

Says Mr Dron: "If you don't fall in love before you buy, I think it's easy to come a cropper."

Inevitably the older, grander end of the market tends to do well. The big prestige cars of yesteryear have done well. A 1959 Bentley Continental in good condition will have appreciated from £8,522 then to £30,000 now. An Aston Martin has risen from £3,755 in 1963 to around £12,000 now,

while the Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud S2 will change hands for £17,500 now as opposed to just over £6,000 in 1966.

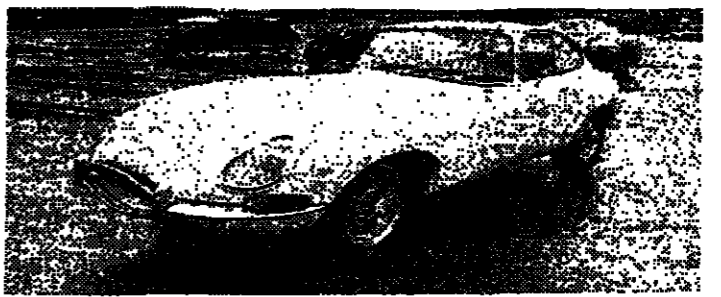
Compiling the price guide was not easy, according to its author, Lindsay Porter. He spent seven years at the task, and admits that the process of compilation is rather like painting the Forth Bridge: the moment he has finished it is time to start again at the beginning.

The method of calculation cannot be exact, especially for models where the market is thin (typically when there are few cars around from which to distil a reliable average), but the guide's prices are ascertained "using both art and science" says Mr Porter. "Pricing a classic car requires both a knowledge of the market — both in auction and among collectors — and a feel for that market."

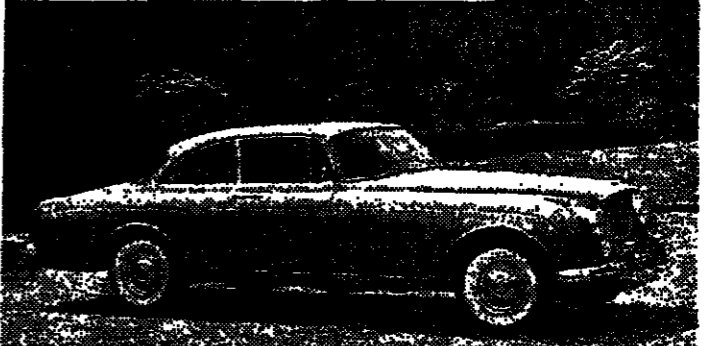
And the classics of tomorrow? Mr Porter predicts that E-type Jaguars will breach the £30,000 level, that soft-top Volkswagen Beetles will change hands at £10,000 and more, and that the MGTX will have a value of £20,000-plus.

"But that's assuming that things continue as they are" he adds, "which is probably a very silly assumption."

Martin Baker



Jaguar's already legendary E-type: likely to exceed £30,000



S2 Bentley Continental: from £8,522 in 1959 to £30,000 now



Aston Martin: James Bond associations caught public imagination

Upset on insurance company switch

A full-scale row is in the making between a group of Imperial Life policyholders and the insurance company itself, writes Peter Garsland.

The details are technical but the essence of the problem lies in a letter sent to Imperial's policyholders earlier this month by its UK chief executive, Roger Wain.

Mr Wain told policyholders that, subject to the approval of certain supervisory bodies both in the UK, and in Canada (where Imperial has its head office), it was proposed to transfer Imperial's life assurance to Trident Life, a company bought by Imperial in 1985.

Mr Wain assured policyholders that the transfer of business would enable administrative economies to be made and was in the interests of policyholders.

Enter Richard Knox-Johnston, an Imperial Life policyholder who was himself at one time a senior executive with Imperial. Mr Knox-Johnston and others have formed the Imperial Life Policyholders Committee because, they say, they are worried that the move by Imperial may not be in the interests of the 180,000 affected policyholders.

They are also critical that it has been presented as a fait accompli, without any consultation.

Mr Knox-Johnston argues that the many people who took

out insurance policies with Imperial did so in the knowledge that it was a long-established company with a solid reputation, a steady bonus performance and a high free-assets ratio.

He says: "They deserve the right to reassess themselves that Trident Life can offer the prospect of the same financial security."

Mr Knox-Johnston also contends that the notice sent to policyholders gave no opportunity for questioning the decision and was of such a technical nature that a layman would be unlikely to understand the full implications.

Mr Wain says he was surprised to hear of the formation of an action group, not least because his letter to policyholders invited them to get in touch with Imperial if they had any questions about the proposals or if they wanted them explained in more detail.

Mr Wain sticks to his view that combining the operations of Imperial and Trident will be to the advantage of policyholders of both companies. In support of this view, Mr Wain says that the chairman of what will become Imperial Trident Life will be Claude Bruneau, who is chairman of Imperial Life of Canada.

The final decision will probably rest not with either Mr Wain or Mr Knox-Johnston but will be made at a High Court hearing on December 8.

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FAMILY MONEY/5

A wider choice for job-hoppers

A major problem for those who have moved jobs more than once during their working life has been that they have found on retirement that their pension has suffered in comparison with those employees who have stayed with one company.

The Government, noticing the obvious injustice and hoping to prevent anything that would hinder job mobility, has acted to help alleviate blight on the early leaver.

Now, for instance, the offer of a transfer value from a company pension scheme is compulsory.

Those leaving a job after more than five years have three options: they can leave their pension contributions with their previous employer, who will eventually pay a preserved pension on their retirement; they can transfer the money to a new employer - if he is prepared to accept the sum and if he has a suitable scheme, or they can transfer the value of their

Stephen Spurdon analyses the pensions choices facing people who change employment in the light of moves to increase job mobility

the choice of purchasing a buy-out bond as either with profits or unit-linked.

Of the two approaches, the bond with profits is definitely the more cautious and conservative, offering steady, secure growth based on the accumulation of annual reversionary bonuses. There is also the possibility of a terminal bonus, paid at retirement, but these are not guaranteed.

Unit-linked policies, however, offer a greater possibility of gain. But it is also the case that the price of units will rise and fall in line with market conditions, so it will be hard luck if your retirement date coincides with the low point of the cycle.

You have the choice of a buy-out bond

contributions into what is known as either a buy-out bond or a Section 32 annuity.

Those who have been in a company pension scheme for less than five years are currently able to have a refund of contributions, less 10 per cent tax. From April 6, 1988, however, this five-year period will be reduced to two.

The object of a buy-out bond is, basically, to improve on the performance of the preserved pension left behind with a previous employer. Like many policies offered by insurance companies nowadays, you have

benefits of the scheme they are leaving.

The point is that the only realistic means of comparison between the benefits being left behind and those projected in a buy-out bond is to ensure that they match one another as closely as possible.

The projected fund figure contained in the quotation is, of course, not guaranteed. However, that sum is intended to provide your pension, a pension on your death for your spouse if you wish it, plus any pension increases you require, and the tax-free lump sum which you can have by sacrificing part of your pension.

The basis for with profits quotations has recently been changed. In an attempt to cut down on the "telephone number" projections, life office can only quote on the assumption that the maximum growth in the fund reflected in bonus payments is 13 per cent a year. With profits quotations will now appear more or less similar, and will be brought broadly in line with unit linked quotations.

However, readers who have already asked about a buy-out bond during the last year may have encountered difficulty because the wording of the 1985 Social Security Act unintentionally resulted in pension-fund trustees being temporarily unable to pass transfer values on to insurance companies for buy-out bonds.

The trustees had found that they

needed to indemnify themselves against future claims by former scheme members.

The problem has been partly resolved because the wording of the Act has been amended. But some doubts still remain and so it may be that the trustees of your former company's pension scheme will require the insurance company you select for your buy-out bond to sign an indemnity form.

A survey of the 35 buy-out bonds on the market which appeared in *Pensions Management* magazine recently found that London & Manchester, Canada Life, Cannon Assurance, FS Assurance, Providence Capital, Sun Life of Canada and Windsor Life were the only ones prepared to sign the indemnity form. Eagle Star, Equitable Life and Sun Life were prepared to sign it in a modified form.

Since that survey appeared, Sun

No time limit on a transfer value

Alliance has announced that it will also sign indemnity forms.

But before rushing into the purchase of a buy-out bond with these companies, compare their performance with other offices who are not prepared to sign the indemnity. You may find that it is as well to sit back and wait until the whole matter is cleared up.

Remember, there is no time limit on taking a transfer value. In fact, any time after leaving a pension scheme, you may write to the trustees and request a transfer value, right up to one year before you retire.

Who needs PEP, says unit trust firm

"A lot of publicity is likely to be devoted to Personal Equity Plans during the next two to three months." So says Henderson Unit Trust Management, which is now designing its own PEP.

How right they are and how timely becomes a warning note on PEPs from the Bristol-based Premier Unit Trust Brokers.

Putting its cards squarely on the table, Premier says it has "a distinct lack of enthusiasm for this malformed creature, conceived by the Chancellor in one of his siller moments".

Premier urges people not to get too carried away, too quickly, as they read the glossy inducements now beginning to pour from the financial institutions, because there is no need to hurry.

The 1987 calendar year PEP maximum investment of £2,400 can be placed at any time up to 31 December 1987 - and whenever during 1987 you make the investment in whatever PEP, you won't get any tax advantages if you do anything with that investment before 31 December 1988.

Hence, runs the argument, anyone who rushes now into



Winter is on its way, comes the seasonal greeting from the insurance companies. In particular, say the insurers, make sure your gutters are not blocked, check that your drains are clear, put new washers on dripping taps and have your heating appliances serviced.

wide-ranging changes in the last Finance Act, including the introduction of inheritance tax. Also included is advice on tax-saving strategies, how to draw up a will and how to administer the estate of a deceased person.

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Clearly written, it is an invaluable quick reference guide. It also contains a list explaining what all the unfamiliar sets of initials, introduced in the name of self-regulation, mean.

Under the scheme, trustees can invest initial amounts of £10,000 or more in a range of eight funds, such as its managed fund, as well as funds which specialize in UK and international equities.

The Government has finally unveiled its proposed rules for the taxation of personal pensions.

The new proposals came in a consultative document from the Inland Revenue, entitled *Improving the pensions choice*.

Announcing publication of the document on Thursday, Norman Lamont, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, declared that there would be a new pensions deal for the 10 million employees in this country who did not belong to an occupational pension scheme - and a wider pensions choice for all employees.

Mr Lamont said that in the past barriers to mobility, including the existing provisions for pensions, had been a drag on the country's economic performance.

New pension deal for millions

With the improvement of job mobility as an important government objective, the new proposals were designed to give much greater opportunity to people to have a pension arrangement which they could take with them when they changed jobs.

The key points of the new proposals are:

- tax reliefs for personal pensions to be based broadly on the present rules for self-employed retirement annuities. This means that most people will be able to pay in up

to 17.5 per cent of earnings to a personal pension plan.

• broadly the same rules for all personal pension arrangements, whether taken out by employees or the self-employed

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• a new simplified type of money purchase occupational pension scheme with no benefit limits, and with tax relief limited by reference to contributions

• much greater transferability



Lamont: a better choice

between different types of pension arrangement. It may all sound rather technical but these proposals could have a direct impact not only on the 11 million people who are members of occupational pension schemes but also the 10 million company employees whose pensions are handled by the state, currently through

the State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme.

The Government's intention is that personal pensions should be available to all employees as an alternative to membership of an occupational scheme or the State scheme as from April 1988.

The initial reaction from Henry James, director-general of the National Association of Pension Funds, yesterday was that his association had been begging the Government to introduce a single and simple structure for the administration of pension plans and that he would be studying the proposals accordingly.

The Inland Revenue wants detailed comments on its proposals by 30 January 1987.

Peter Gartland

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Of more concern to us is the investment performance. Barrington has consistently been among the best of the entire industry. Kleinwort has been undistinguished.

Will Barrington's superior abilities prevail? That will obviously depend on how the enlarged group is managed. Already several of the previously separate trusts have been merged, but that is to comply with Department of Trade & Industry rules that trusts with too-similar investment objectives may not be under the same management for fear of conflicts of interest.



Tony Mortimer: Recasting problems **Tim Edwards: Vague on the details** **Peter Saunders: Aggressive selling**

In a further article in his series on the changing role of financial institutions, **JOHN ROBERTS** puts Kleinwort Benson under the microscope

Having shed most of its interests in the M&G unit trust group, Kleinwort Benson, one of the City's largest merchant banks, feels free to develop more vigorously its own separate unit-trust interests under the Barrington banner. And says it intends to do so.

Kleinwort, strong in corporate finance, is among the leaders in takeover activity. It achieved a coup by taking over the stockbroking firm Grieson Grant. GG is highly regarded for both the size and quality of its private client business and, under the Barrington label, operated the largest stockbroker-based unit trust group.

In unit trusts, as in other parts of the two businesses, there was a neat fit. Kleinwort's in-house funds were largely offshore whereas Barrington was strong in authorized unit trusts, but puny offshore. Today the merged group has balance, with £456 million of funds in its UK trusts and £340 million in offshore-based funds which may not be sold direct to the British public but are available through intermediaries

managed of the eight Kleinwort trusts.

On some funds, there was a high throughput with shares newly bought being sold within the same six-month period. That the smaller companies - since merged with its Barrington counterpart - should sell within six months half its new investments seems extraordinary given the poorer marketability and larger spreads between bid and offer share prices which characterize this end of the market.

The vindication would lie in performance but Mr Mortimer did not refute my point that this had been poor. He was not on top of the numbers.

Nor was Tim Edwards who,

in coming from Grieson Grant, knew that Barrington had done well. When I met him he was, however, vague about the details.

These are the men who must make the enlarged Barrington work for us.

As soon as we met, Tony Mortimer told me that Kleinwort's unit trusts were but a part of the responsibilities he bore. These extend to property investment "and a mainline policymaking role in the bank".

Tim Edwards, in addition to his other tasks within what is now Kleinwort Grieson, is a member of the Council of the Stock Exchange. I was left in no doubt that for both men, the weight of their other concerns was, for them at least, awesome.

The only director solely committed to Barrington full-time is the worthy Robin Shearman, the secretary and director of administration. For all his undoubted merits, that appears a poor augury for dynamic and creative management.

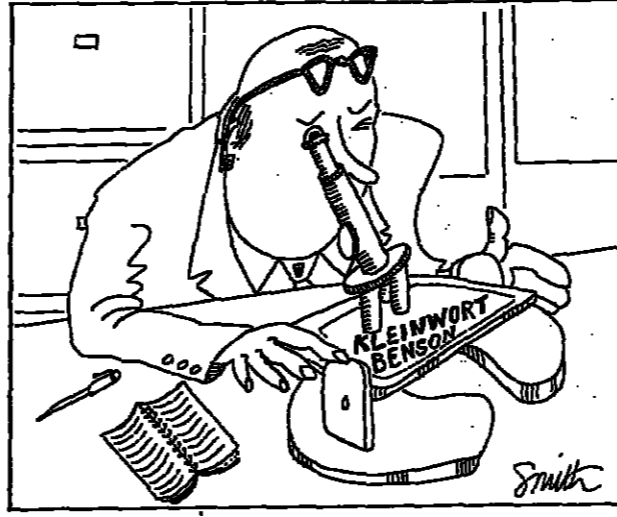
How hard will Barrington be selling to us? As its director, Peter Saunders, told me. Barrington had not been sold aggressively in the past because Grieson Grant had felt a natural inhibition about competing with fund management firms which were the stockbrokers clients. The unit trusts had been largely a convenient vehicle for handling private clients' money.

Mr. Mortimer confirmed that the same had held true for Kleinwort.

Big Bang has changed all that. But Tim Edwards told me: "We shall promote Barrington gradually over the next five years. We will be selling through intermediaries though (accountants, solicitors, insurance brokers and the like), not going for money off the street."

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One-time steady drivers choosing family cars are increasingly opting for high-performance models from a growing range of injection, turbo and sports saloons, according to the Prudential.

The fact is that motor-insurance premiums have risen by more than 20 per cent right across the market this year. But while insurers produce new ways of explaining the increases, what can motorists do to lessen the damage to their wallets? Broadly, the options are:

Shop around for a better quote: Though the rate rises have affected the whole of the market, discrepancies can appear between companies' rating guides.

Other big insurers had at least two, possibly even three, rises to report. Legal and General announced increases of 15 per cent in January and 12.5 per cent in August; Commercial Union upped rates by 8 per cent in January and 8.5 per cent in October.

A leading insurer is having doubts about the driving habits of its normally reliable motor-insurance customers, those aged 35 to 45. Its policyholders have doubts, too, when they get their renewal forms.

General Accident had three rises this year totalling 26.2 per cent for comprehensive and 22.2 per cent for non-comprehensive; Royal's rises averaged 26 per cent.

providing accidental damage repair under comprehensive policies resulting from higher garage and spare-parts costs.

No-claims discounts: Claims-free driving benefits everybody and is rewarded by insurance companies with discounts of usually up to 60 per cent off premiums.

Many people stick to big insurers that they know

But the benefit can be kept in another way by taking out a protected no-claims discount policy. In Royal's case, the cost is 12.5 per cent added to the premium in return for two allowable claims in four years without hurting the discount.

The Pru, however, has had to withdraw its protected no-claims discount, except on special policies, because policyholders were taking the company at its word by claiming all too often.

Voluntary excesses: Insurers will accept reduced premiums if the motorist agrees to pay part of any claim.

This is referred to as an excess and in most cases can be taken voluntarily, although these in higher-risk categories such as young drivers and

sports-car owners might be forced to have an excess.

The reduction is usually calculated on a percentage basis but GRE has had to introduce flat discounts as premiums have risen sharply. For a £50 excess, GRE gives a £30 discount and for £100 excess a £50 discount.

Special packages: Family drivers, despite the Pru's views, are considered good risks and insurance-company marketing departments are enticing them with discount packages. But these policies provide less cover, hence the lower premiums.

Royal markets the Car Shield policy. Divided into two, the policy gives discounts of up to 12.5 per cent for drivers over 30 and 20 per cent for those over 50. But Royal imposes a compulsory £50 excess and the car must be driven only for domestic purposes.

Driving is restricted to husband and wife and both must have four years' claim-free experience. Those aged between 30 and 34 have to accept a £100 excess.

Commercial Union has a similar policy, Dual Driver. Reductions of up to 25 per cent are offered and the main driver must be over 30 with his or her partner over 25.

A £50 excess applies on comprehensive cover. The discount package at the Pru is called Top Driver. Three drivers can use the car - main driver, spouse and one other named driver. All three need four years' claim-free experience and the policy has a £50 excess.

rating structure and criticize companies for offering special packages.

Dave Aslett, of Legal & General, comments, however: 'They are just marketing ploys.'

In Legal & General's case, husbands and wives who restrict the driving to themselves can receive discounts of 10 to 12.5 per cent and single drivers are offered a 10 per cent discount.

Women drivers receive a further 10 per cent discount for the simple reason that their claims record is better.

General Accident is also fond of the fairer sex. Those under 28 automatically get two years' driving experience added to their record.

General Accident's other perk is a 20 per cent cut for owners of cars more than three years old in return for a £50 excess.

Another way to reduce premiums

There is a fifth way of reducing premiums: luck. The 20,000 members of the MG Car Owners Club insurance scheme had their rates reduced by 6 per cent after the transfer of policies from Crusader to Municipal General Insurance in September.

However, Crusader, part of the multinational CIGNA insurance group, badly bungled the announcement of its withdrawal from the personal-insurance market, saying that "all existing policies" were going to MGL.

But it forgot to mention that half the number of motor policies, broken by the AA - more than 50,000 in all - were to be transferred to the Norwich Union. Premiums on these policies were increased by 5 per cent. Win some, lose some.

Another landmark to guide the investor

Having legislated copiously in the last session of parliament on the building societies and the financial services industry, the House of Commons yesterday gave a signal to the banking Bill.

This is the third leg of a system aimed at protecting the investor irrespective of the medium through which he invests his savings. In this case it is more a question of updating existing legislation than introducing an entirely new set of rules.

After the banking crisis of the mid-1970s, the Banking Act of 1979 was aimed at improving the supervision of banks, while increasing the protection extended statutorily

to their customers. However, the Johnson-Maitland affair has underlined the need to improve this system and that is what the new banking legislation aims to do.

The main changes from the 1979 Act revolve around the creation of a Board of Banking Supervision, and the setting of

Ending two-tier system of 1979

the two-tier system introduced in the 1979 legislation. The new supervisory board will include independent members who are likely to have commercial banking experi-

ence enabling them to give advice to the Governor of the Bank of England in the exercise of his supervisory responsibilities.

Under the 1979 Act, authorization and supervisory powers were based on a distinction between recognized banks and licensed deposit-taking institutions.

This was an attempt to maintain a degree of competition, encouraging respectable smaller institutions to remain active, but adding to the protection extended to the depositors, which had been easily lacking during the 1970s banking crisis.

Under the Banking Bill, which the Commons approved

yesterday, all authorized institutions will be subject to the same criteria and the same supervisory regime but, in future, use of the word "bank" in a company's title will be confined to institutions with not less than £5 million paid-up capital.

One element of the two-tier

In tune with the greater protection

system which remains, however, is that other authorized institutions with not less than £1 million paid-up capital will be able to provide financial services and accept deposits

subject to their net using the word "bank" in their title.

The changes contained in the legislation are less than world-shattering, but are very much in tune with the increased protection to investors which is now the common currency of politicians and consumers alike.

I predict an easy passage of this Bill to the Statute Book, where it will join the Building Societies Act and the Financial Services Act as landmarks to change in the interests of the investor.

Robert McCrindle
The author is Conservative MP for Brentwood and Ongar.

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Whether PC's decision reasonable

G v Chief Superintendent of Police, Stroud
Before Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Mr Justice Peter Pain
(Judgment November 28)

In reviewing the reasonableness of a constable's belief that a breach of the peace was likely to occur, allowance had to be made for the circumstances in which a constable had to make a spur of the moment decision in an emergency. Therefore a mere disturbance could amount to a likelihood of a breach of the peace.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court dismissed the defendant's appeal by case stated from his conviction by Cirencester Juvenile Court on January 20, 1986.

The child, there were several persons including children and young people in the vicinity. When the police approached they saw what was described as an ugly confrontation. The defendant's mother told him to go home, whereupon the defendant jumped off the swings and began to walk off.

As he did so he made a two-finger gesture at the police and shouted "fuck off". A police constable shouted at him to stop but the defendant made the same gesture and shouted the same words again.

The police constable caught up with the defendant, took hold of his upper arm and told him he was under arrest. The defendant punched the constable in the face and suggested shouting "I'll fucking stab you" and both fell to the ground.

incited or provoked or by the defendant himself. The mere behaviour, if the conditions laid down by section 5 were fulfilled, was an offence, but it did not have to result in an arrest under section 7(3).

On the first charge the prosecution had to prove, and undoubtedly did prove, that the defendant used abusive words and behaviour. They then had to prove that a breach of the peace (by someone) was likely to be occasioned.

On the second charge the prosecution had to prove that the arrest was lawful and if it was there was no doubt that the constable had been assaulted. If it had to be proved that the situation that presented itself gave the constable reasonable grounds for suspecting that there would be a breach of the peace by somebody.

offence against section 5 of the 1936 Act had been committed, but no more.

The justices found that the constable believed genuinely and honestly that a further breach was likely to occur in the immediate future. That clearly his belief was reasonable.

It was submitted for the defendant that there was no evidence that any third person was either put in fear or was likely to breach the peace, but that submission ignored the likelihood of a breach by the defendant himself.

Confidentiality of prisoners' legal aid interviews

Regina v Umob
Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Taylor and Mr Justice Rix
(Judgment November 28)

Interviews between prisoners and prison legal aid officers should, save in exceptional circumstances, be confidential.

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Tributes to Lord Justice Lawton

Lord Justice Lawton
The Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Taylor and Mr Justice Rix

Lord Justice Lawton presided in the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) for the last time on November 28.

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Right to home respect interfered with

Gillow v United Kingdom
Before G. Wiarda, President and Judges R. Ryssdal, Thor Vilhjalmsson, G. Lagergren, L. E. Pettit, Sir Vincent Evans and R. Macdonald
Registrar M.-A. Eissen
(Case No 13/1984/83/132)
(Judgment November 24)

Following the enactment of the Housing Law 1969 - which was not amended on this point by the Housing Law 1975 - the applicants were obliged to seek a licence to occupy "Whiteknights" because of the consequences of the change in the law, they had lost their residence qualifications.

In the Court's opinion, the fact that, on pain of prosecution, they were obliged to obtain a licence to live in their own house on their return to Guernsey in 1979, the refusal of the licence applied for, the institution of criminal proceedings against them for unlawful occupation of the property and, in Mr Gillow's case, his conviction and the imposition of a fine, constituted interference with the exercise of the applicants' right to respect for their home.

obligation imposed on the applicants to seek a licence to live in their "home" could not be regarded as disproportionate to the legitimate aim pursued.

There had accordingly been no breach of article 8 as far as the terms of the contested legislation were concerned.

There remained, however, the question whether the manner in which the housing authority exercised its discretion in the applicants' case - refusal of permanent and temporary licences, and referral of the matter to the law officers with a view to prosecution - corresponded to a pressing social need and, in particular, was proportionate to the legitimate aim pursued.

that practice had been followed with regard to treaties concluded within the framework of the Council of Europe, including the European Convention on Human Rights.

It thus resulted from the text of article 4 that an express declaration was required for the application of Protocol No 1 to the island of Guernsey, but no such declaration had been made.

The court accordingly found that article 1 of Protocol No 1 was not applicable in the present case and that therefore it had no jurisdiction to entertain the applicants' complaint under that provision.

4 Alleged violation of article 8

The issue of discrimination alleged did not relate to a measure taken in exercise of the housing authority's discretionary powers, but to the preferential treatment accorded by the 1975 Housing Law to specified groups of persons who occupied a licence to occupy a house, namely those with strong attachments to the island and the owners of houses over a certain rateable value.

4 Alleged violation of article 6

The appeal lodged by Mrs Gillow with the Royal Court against the refusal of the applicants' right to occupy their home, was a civil right within the meaning of article 6; and the prosecution of Mr Gillow involved the determination of a criminal charge. Article 6 was therefore applicable in those two respects.

2 Alleged violation of article 1 of the first protocol

By a letter of October 10, 1986, the Government informed the court - while expressing their profound regret for doing so at so late a stage - that the United Kingdom had not extended the application of Protocol No 1 to the Bailiwick of Guernsey in accordance with article 4 of this protocol, which stipulates:

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Gordon Burn peers into the eye of the storm breaking over Higgins

Hurricane Alex is blowing himself out



Alex Higgins has always been burdened with a sense of his own genius. It is a word that rolls off his tongue as casually as the explosives which have won him a place in the heart of his loyal public ("My people" as he calls them) and consistently dismayed the more upwardly mobile members of the snooker establishment.

panic ran through the Taylor household when it became clear that Higgins, then a teenager, had his eye on Dennis's sister, Molly. Even as he passed Joe Davis's famous old trophy to Higgins in Selby Park British Legion in 1972, John Putnam suspected that "the Hurricane" could turn out to be both the best and the worst thing that had ever happened to snooker.

on television. The day after he had been given a black eye in a late night club brawl over money, Higgins slipped into his lovely room and fell asleep. He had been involved in a riding accident. This Wednesday, two days after he had been accused of butting the WPSBA's tournament director, he emerged from the depths of "Hurricane Hall" in a sheepskin-and-leather get-up that was clearly meant to make him look like a cuddly Muppets character.

Only he, apparently, is unaware that he is fooling hardly anybody, and that "genius" and "great" are terms dulled by a prodigious intake of alcohol and under-the-counter drugs - is no excuse for petulant, wilful and thuggish behaviour. Nowadays Higgins is regarded by many of those inside the game not merely as a minor irritant but as somebody to be avoided at all costs.

He came out for his quarter-final match against the world No. 56, Wayne Jones on Thursday, with his mouth crusted in sores, his shirt hanging open at the neck and his hair dirty and plastered to his scalp. Inevitably, charged by the mixture of animosity and blind devotion, he reminded doubters where the "Hurricane" nickname came from by sprinting into a six-frame lead.

ATHLETICS

Britain set out on the hilly road to success

The first steps on the muddy path to re-establishing British cross-country runners as the best in the world need to be taken in Gateshead this weekend. For it is an anaerobic sport, while British track and field has flourished to an enviable extent in the last decade, British, particularly English, domination of the cross-country world has evaporated like sweat on a winter's afternoon.

Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. After a rearguard action during the last few years against, notably France and the United States, claiming the length of tradition since inventing the four nations championships, the precursor to the world championships back in 1904, the home countries have been mandated by the International Amateur Athletic Federation to field a United Kingdom team in the world championships in 1988. There is an appeal against this decision, taken at the IAAF Congress in Athens last July, but it is almost certain to be turned down.



Tim Hutchings: promoting the European squad system

RUGBY UNION

England's build-up to be monitored

The Rugby Football Union, after considering a report from Michael Westwood, their England World Cup squad manager, have formed a World Cup committee to oversee the team's progress in the build-up to the competition in Australasia next May.

TENNIS

Britain's women bear the brunt

Britain must win a play-off tomorrow at the end of a gruelling campaign against The Netherlands, if they are to stay in the first division of the new European Cup competition for women. With only Jo Durie missing from the strongest possible line-up, which has been beaten in turn by what was almost West Germany's fourth team and then, yesterday, by a French reserve team.

RACING RESULTS

Table with racing results for Sandown Park, Sedgfield, and Leicester. Columns include race name, time, and winner details.

CRICKET

West Indies continue where they left off

Sharjah, United Arab Emirates (AFP) - West Indies outclassed Pakistan in every department as they stroked to an easy nine-wicket victory, with 11.4 overs to spare, in the Champions' Trophy here yesterday. Gordon Gray scored 74, and an unbeaten 59 from Desmond Haynes sealed the result with an opening stand of 126 after Pakistan had been bowled out for a modest 143.

FOOTBALL

Tussle for leasehold if Halifax fold

A group of west Yorkshire businessmen plan to take over the 120-year lease of the Halifax Town ground, if the fourth division club do not survive their financial crisis. The Halifax Revue, who are owed £75,000, will take the club to the high court to seek a compulsory winding-up order, unless Halifax come up with satisfactory proposals for payment before next Thursday.

GOLF

Marsh leading by four strokes in World Open

Ipswich (AP) - Graham Marsh of Australia, shot a 70, two under par, yesterday for a four-stroke lead in the \$5 million year (€273,290) Casio World Open tournament. Marsh, who led 1-0 over the Welsh summer tour of the South Pacific. It was then that Richard Moriarty, the elder brother of Paul, took over the captaincy, but he too misses the trial because of a dislocated shoulder and is likely to remain unavailable for the entire international season.

BOXING

Bugner may be on way back home

Sydney (AP) - Joe Bugner, the former European and Commonwealth heavyweight champion, will decide on Monday whether to accept an offer to continue his comeback in his former homeland, Britain. Bugner, now based in Australia, has scored victories over two Americans, James Tillis and David Roy, since ending a 30-month self-imposed exile from the ring.

FOR THE RECORD

Table with sports records for American Football, Cross-Country, Badminton, Basketball, Cricket, and Cycling.

FIGURE SKATING

TORONTO International competition first day (AP) - Soviet skater Oksana Baiul, 15, won the women's title with a score of 110.00, ahead of Oksana Kabotova, 107.00, and Oksana Zhukova, 105.00.

TENNIS

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FOOTBALL

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division Coventry 1, Blackburn 1. LEAGUE: 1st Division: Coventry 1, Blackburn 1. 2nd Division: Luton 1, Huddersfield 1. 3rd Division: Walsley 1, Mansfield 1. 4th Division: Grimsby 1, Scunthorpe 1.

PITCH BATTLE

Stirling Albion may have to abandon their artificial pitch experiment. Having received permission from the Scottish League to go ahead with the first artificial pitch scheme in Scotland, Stirling Albion have agreed to a three-year experimental basis, they are now ready to shelve the project, complaining of excessive conditions imposed by the League.

PEACOCK'S MATCH

Nottingham Forest have agreed to play at Doncaster on Tuesday in a testimonial match for the long-serving goalkeeper, Dennis Peacock.

No two people who tune in to The Royal Variety Performance (BBC1, 7.15pm) will have the same great expectations...

Best of the music: BBC2's Godard double-bill of Detective (9.55pm) and Alphafile (11.35pm)...

Radio choice: Hector Macmillan's marvellous English version of Holberg's cautionary comedy Jeppe of the Hill (Radio 4, 7.00pm)...



Angela Ripston and her dancing team: one of the acts in The Royal Variety Performance, on BBC1, at 7.15pm



Hitler reviews his troops: The Thames TV series The World at War is repeated on Channel 4 (7.15pm)

It is, presumably, BBC Television's celebration of its 50th anniversary that gave the Corporation the incentive to stage tonight's spectacular extravaganza...

Best of the rest: the re-run of Jeremy Isaacs' monumental documentary series The World at War (Channel 4, 7.15pm)...

- BBC 1: 8.30 Family News, Caricatures, 8.55 The Muppet Show, 9.00 Saturday Superstore...

- BBC 2: 9.00 Ceejay, 10.45 Open University, 1.06 Ceejay, 2.00 Film: Chess...

- ITV/LONDON: 8.55 TV-am introduced by Richard Kaye, 9.55 News, 10.30 The Heart of the Dragon...

- CHANNEL 4: 8.25 A Question of Economics, 9.25 The Heart of the Dragon, 10.00 Asian Magazine...

- BBC 2: 8.55 Play School, 9.15 Morning Worship, 10.00 Asian Magazine...

- ITV/LONDON: 6.55 TV-am begins with Sunday Morning, 7.00 Are You A Swish Yet?

- CHANNEL 4: 8.25 Sunday East, Among the items is a discussion on why there is a dearth of Asians in first-class cricket...

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5.55 Median news only: Test Match: second day of the Second Test in Perth, until 10.05am...

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